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OFFERING FOR AN IRA VICTIM — A woman in Warrington, England, placing a teddy bear Thursday on a memorial to Johnathan Ball, 3, killed in an IRA bombing in the town. Another boy died of wounds Thursday as an anti-IRA backlash grew. Page 2.

Yeltsin's Rival Backs Down On Calls for Impeachment

By Michael Dobbs Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — The parliamentary speaker, Ruslan I. Khasbulatov, distanced himself Thursday from demands for the immediate impeachment of President Boris N. Yeltsin, suggesting that Russia's constitutional crisis could be resolved instead through early parliamentary and presidential elections.

even more conservative legislature and a continuing deadlock between the two branches of government. Under present constitutional arrangements, Mr. Yeltsin's term of office will expire in 1996 and parliament's in 1995.

The chances of a successful impeachment motion against Mr. Yeltsin have faded since Wednesday, after he dropped his insistence on assuming emergency powers that would allow

The speaker added that some points of the new decree also "violated the constitution, but not in such a dramatic manner" as the original television address.

"We have not convened the Congress in order to remove someone from office," Mr. Khasbulatov said in his television interview, adding that he was ready to work with Mr. Yeltsin if the president agreed to cooperate with the Congress. In earlier comments to journalists, Mr. Khasbulatov said he was not a supporter of impeachment and repeated a call for early elections.

On Wednesday, the speaker had told journalists that a ruling by the Constitutional Court that Mr. Yeltsin had acted unconstitutionally opened the way for the Congress to start impeachment proceedings. Hard-line Communists and nationalists are likely to push ahead with demands for Mr. Yeltsin's removal from office when the Congress meets Saturday but that was never published.

Russia increases the minimum wage as part of an emergency economic package. Page 11.



Mr. Yeltsin telling of an effort to overthrow him "behind the backs of the citizens."

U.S. Looks for Trade Truce With EC

By Tom Redburn International Herald Tribune

PARIS — The White House has instructed Mickey Kantor, its chief trade negotiator, to work toward avoiding a collision with the European Community when he opens talks in Brussels on Monday with Sir Leon Brittan, the EC's top trade representative, officials said Thursday.

increasingly at odds themselves over trade issues. Yet, with Europe entering a recession that is boosting calls for protectionism to save jobs, Brussels has little leeway at the moment to soften its stance in the trans-Atlantic dispute.

Consequently, it is still not clear whether the EC's current proposal to launch a month-long study of ways to reduce restrictions on both sides of the Atlantic is enough to provide a face-saving out for the U.S. government.

Mr. Kantor "will be on a fairly tight leash," an administration official said, "but that doesn't mean he can afford to leave Brussels completely empty-handed."

Last week, Mr. Kantor and Jacques Delors, the EC Commission president, in a joint statement, announced that Washington would delay retaliation against the Community, at least until after having a chance to discuss the procure-

ment issue at the March 29 and 30 meetings. At that time, Mr. Kantor said that Mr. Delors had offered to present new proposals in Brussels aimed at resolving the dispute.

Officials in Washington and Brussels, however, tell a somewhat different story.

They explain privately that President Bill Clinton, under prodding from Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, was worried that Mr. Kantor, by publicly canceling a planned U.S.-EC negotiating session earlier this month, had risked poisoning the trade atmosphere with Europe by sending such an unnecessarily harsh signal. After meeting with Mr. Delors, Senator Moynihan, whose committee has jurisdiction over trade legislation, urged the White House to

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BBC and ABC to Cooperate on News

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK — In an effort to extend the international reach of both networks, British Broadcasting Corp. and American Broadcasting Cos. announced Thursday that they would coordinate their news-gathering operations, exchanging radio and television reports worldwide.

Both networks would then know they would be fully covered in a conflict.

For the BBC, the accord offers expanded third-country coverage at a time when the corporation is under tight financial pressure and is also seeking to expand into Asia.

Most major television networks exchange film footage. Britain's Independent Television News also has a thriving business selling reports from its correspondents, which are seen regularly on public television network news in the United States and on CNN.

CNN said it was aware of the accord, but officials did not return calls.

For ABC, a subsidiary of Capital Cities/ABC Inc., the agreement offers the opportunity to expand international coverage after several years of bureau cutbacks by all networks. The ABC spokeswoman declined to say how many bureaus ABC now maintains worldwide.

This is believed to be the first arrangement in which networks from two countries join in planning daily coverage and using each other's stories. Correspondents from each network could appear on the screen of the other, although "the extent to which they actually will be used remains to be seen," said Jonathan Crane, the BBC's New York bureau chief. He said it would be more likely in a broadcast from a third country than from Britain or the United States.

Mr. Crane said he would be able to provide London with more hard news footage on such spot news stories as the siege of the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas, or of a political campaign. The use of features would be less likely, he said, because of the need to present background material for other countries.

The ABC spokeswoman said the agreement "will allow us to go places where we couldn't go before."

Bosnia Signs Peace Plan, Isolating Serbs

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

NEW YORK — With his people facing hunger and defeat in eastern Bosnia, the country's Muslim president signed a United Nations peace plan Thursday, leaving the Serbs the only holdout on the accord to end an 11-month war.

The Bosnian president, Alija Izetbegovic, signed a map that would divide Bosnia-Herzegovina into 10 largely autonomous provinces, and interim arrangements for governing the state until elections are held.

Mr. Izetbegovic's signature leaves the Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic isolated. Mr. Karadzic could now be vulnerable to diplomatic pressure from Russia, an important ally, and particularly if the Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic urges him to sign the accord.

The UN mediator, Cyrus R. Vance, called the signing "a major step" in the peace process. But his co-chairman, Lord Owen, from the EC, warned that peace talks could not go on forever, saying there would come a time when action had to be taken by the international community.

"Talking doesn't stop and will continue," he said. "But if there is no readiness to come around this peace settlement the international community will have to take some action and it will be tough action."

In Belgrade, Mr. Milosevic pledged to work for an immediate cease-fire in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Speaking after talks with the commander of UN troops in Bosnia, General Philippe Morillon, Mr. Milosevic said he hoped General Morillon and the head of the Bosnian Serb army, General Ratko Mladic, would be able to work out terms in Belgrade.

But numerous other cease-fires have fallen through, and UN officials long ago stopped counting on them to stop the fighting.

The Bosnian Croat leader, Mate Boban, previously approved of the peace plan, but on Thursday signed a revised map in New York. It



A soldier praying Thursday at a mosque in the town of Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

North Korea's No. 2: Is He in Charge?

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

SEOUL — North Korea held its annual mass rallies and gymnastic stunts last month to celebrate the 51st birthday of the "Dear Leader," Kim Jong Il, the elusive, mysterious son of the man who has run North Korea for 45 years.

Now, after the celebrations, everyone from U.S. intelligence officials to South Korea's nervous leadership has begun to conclude that the younger Kim was quietly given the gift he has long coveted: total control of his father's country.

Since North Korea pulled out of the treaty to halt the spread of nuclear weapons recently, sending a chill through Asian neighbors who are all but certain that the Communist government is on the verge of making a nuclear weapon, government propaganda from Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, has portrayed the move as the work of the Dear Leader.

It was the younger Kim who issued the defiant words that his country's military sites would never be opened to inspectors, and who ordered a nationwide blackout to ward off what he asserted was an imminent invasion by the United States.

"This has all been Kim Jong Il's game," Han Sung Joo, South Korea's foreign minister, said the other day. "Everything has been in his name. And all the other indications are that he has been responsible for the decisions."

There has been virtually no mention of Kim Il Sung, the "Great Leader," who has ruled North Korea since the end of World War II and who turns 81 next month.

Kim Jong Il has waited for his moment longer than Prince Charles has waited for his, and he has received far more damaging press along the way. For years he has been described in the West as a terrorist and a paranoid, accused by many foreign analysts as the mastermind of the 1983 attack in Rangoon, Burma, that killed a large part of the South Korean cabinet, and of the bombing of a South Korean jetliner in 1987.

Until last year, no one had heard his voice in public. The Central Intelligence Agency apparently discovered only recently that he has two children, an important fact in a government with a dynastic tradition.

But now scenarios are changing. And the events surrounding the renunciation of the nuclear treaty are the primary reason.

The most common explanation is that Kim Jong Il is trying to demonstrate his toughness to his military by challenging the United States and the International Atomic Energy Agency, which has been pressing hard to inspect two sites for clues to the state of the country's nuclear project.

At the very least, the theory goes, Mr. Kim put the West on the defensive, changing the

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McClellan Will Replace Huebner

Publisher's Successor at IHT to Take Post in July

PARIS — Richard McClellan will become the chief executive of the International Herald Tribune on July 5, it was announced Thursday by Katharine Graham and Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, co-chairmen of the international newspaper.

Mr. McClellan, 55, currently is deputy chief executive and chief operating officer of the Financial Times, London. He will succeed Lee W. Huebner, who has been publisher of the International Herald Tribune since June 1979 and who announced last September his decision to leave the paper.

Mrs. Graham and Mr. Sulzberger issued a joint statement, which said: "Lee Huebner is an inspirational leader who has achieved an extraordinary record during his 14 years as publisher. During his tenure, circulation nearly doubled to almost 200,000, advertising revenues multiplied fourfold, and printing locations grew from 3 to 11 sites on three continents, including new editions in Asia."

The statement by Mrs. Graham and Mr. Sulzberger also said: "We are most fortunate that Richard McClellan is joining the International Herald Tribune at this important moment in its history. Rapidly evolving technology, increased competition and unsettled economic conditions worldwide present diffi-



Richard McClellan

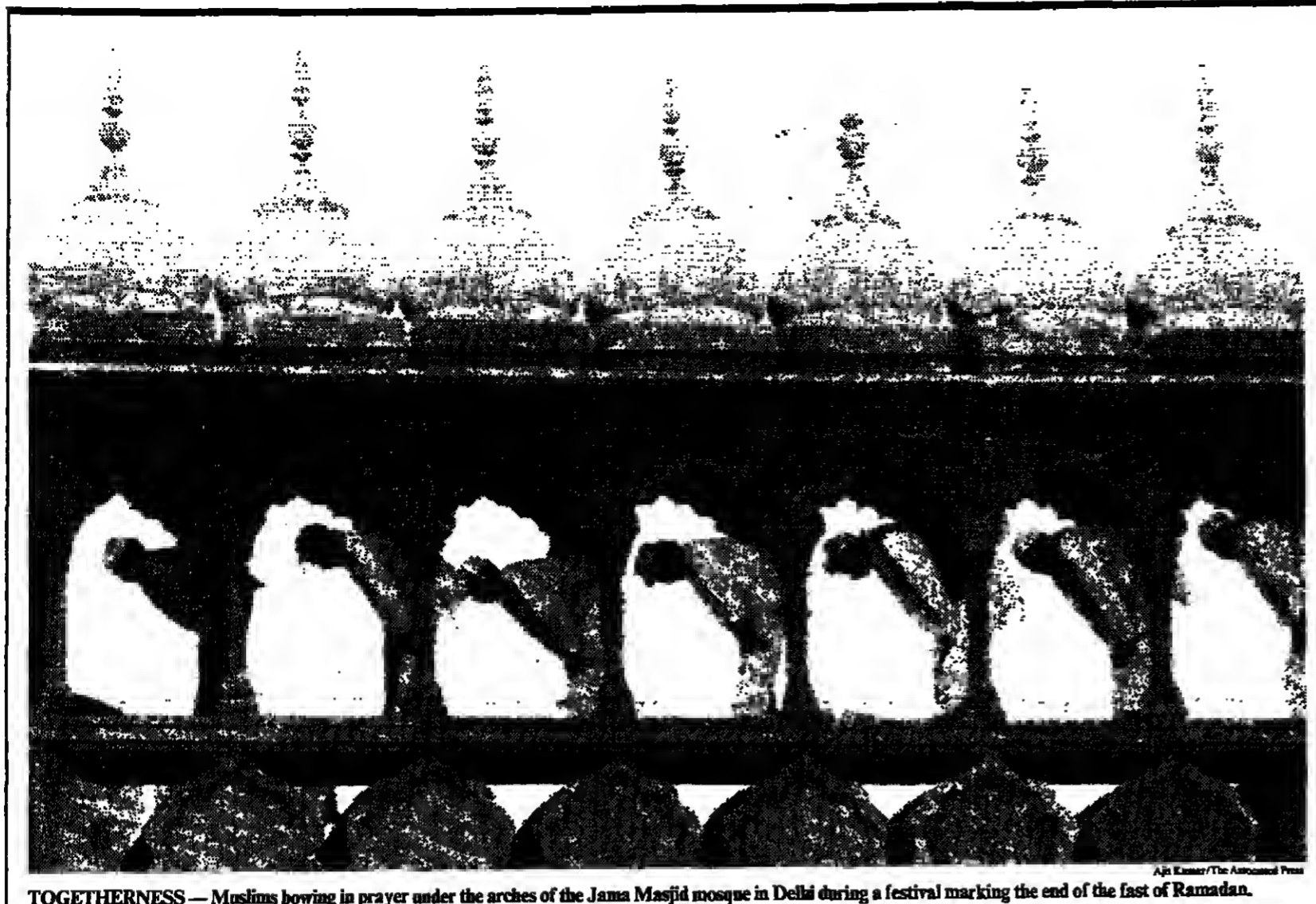
cult challenges and interesting opportunities. We believe Richard is exceptionally well qualified to build on the International Herald Tribune's record of growth and to capitalize further on its editorial quality, unique readership and global marketplace presence."

Mr. McClellan began his career at the Financial Times in 1971. See IHT, Page 4

Kiosk ANC Asks for A-Bomb Data JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Opposition groups demanded Thursday that the government reveal more nuclear secrets to prove its claim to have dismantled its nuclear weapons program.

Sony Chief Takes Up the Baton By Allan Kozinn NEW YORK — It's a little like one of those elephant jokes: Where does the president of an electronics and recording company with \$29 billion in annual revenues conduct a concert of symphonic music? Anywhere he wants.

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TOGETHERNESS — Muslims bowing in prayer under the arches of the Jama Masjid mosque in Delhi during a festival marking the end of the fast of Ramadan.

For Today's Likud, a Telegenic, Glib New Leader

By Clyde Haberman
New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — Israel's main political opposition changed generations Thursday, from the founders of the Jewish state to their heirs, when Benjamin Netanyahu resoundingly won a nationwide primary to become leader of the Likud party.

Mr. Netanyahu, born in 1949, a year after Israel came into being, succeeds former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, 77, who has been party head for the last decade.

As winner, he will automatically become the Likud candidate for prime minister in the next national election, which is not scheduled until 1996 but could come sooner should the present Labor-led government fall.

In that election, the prime minister will be chosen for the first time by direct popular vote, with personalities and images likely to count at least as much as policies.

It is clear that as the political culture changes a majority of Likud members consider Mr. Netanyahu — well-spoken, attractive and savvy in television techniques — to

be their best hope to recover the power they lost nine months ago.

Mr. Netanyahu, a member of parliament and former deputy foreign minister, pledged Thursday evening that the rightist opposition would unseat Labor and its leader, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, 71.

And he left no doubt that he would make the most of a recent surge of anti-Israel violence to accuse the Rabin government of being weak-kneed against Arab terrorism. He will also seek to charge the government with endangering Israeli security by offering territorial concessions in the Middle East peace talks.

"This government says that it is impossible to fight the knives, that it is impossible to fight terrorism," he said in an auditorium filled with supporters rhythmically chanting his nickname, Bibi. "How do they put it? Terrorism has only one solution: a political solution. In other words, there is no solution to terrorism except retreat."

In the peace negotiations, he said, the government offers only concessions, and the consequences for Israel will be "to bring the Syrian Army on the Golan Heights closer to

us, to shrink and reduce the size of this country, to bring the border to the outskirts of Petah Tikvah." That is a town just outside Tel Aviv.

Probably no Israeli politician of his generation is better known to Western audiences than Mr. Netanyahu. That is especially true in the United States, where he lived as a teenager, graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and served Israel as chief delegate to the United Nations and as No. 2 at the embassy in Washington.

A former army commander, he also has gained reflected glory from his older brother, Jonathan, who led and died in the daring 1976 raid at Entebbe, Uganda, in which Israeli commandos rescued the passengers of a hijacked airliner.

No modern politician here has logged more time on American television than Mr. Netanyahu, who has explained Israel's positions in idiomatic English on international terrorism and the Gulf War. And no Israeli politician has been more American in campaign style, from his crafted sound bites to his cross-country barnstorming by bus.

So successful is he at reducing his pragmatically hawkish opinions to manageable television proportions that some in Likud — allies as well as foes — worry that he is prey to accusations that he is not a deep thinker. One task before him now, these Israelis say, is to prove that he is more than glib.

The Likud primary was a bruising four-man race, complicated by a sex scandal that had swirled around the three-married Mr. Netanyahu but that inflicted no lasting damage. His wife, Sara, stood by him during the campaign, and she was at his side Thursday at a victory rally at which supporters sang out, "Bibi, King of Israel."

A final tally of the 145,000 votes — cast Wednesday but only counted Thursday — showed Mr. Netanyahu with 52.1 percent, far more than the 40 percent he needed to avoid a runoff. Former Foreign Minister David Levy had 26.3 percent, followed by Benjamin Begin, a member of parliament and son of the late Prime Minister Menachem Begin, with 15.1 percent, and former Transportation Minister Moshe Katsav, with 6.5 percent.

Oil Sales Could Refuel Iraq Nuclear Force, UN Aide Warns

By Norman Kempster
Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON — Despite a two-year international campaign to destroy Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, President Saddam Hussein's regime remains capable of reviving its nuclear and chemical weapons programs, according to the UN official in charge of the post-Gulf War sanctions.

The official, Rolf Ekus, chief of the United Nations special commission on Iraq, said it was essential for the UN Security Council to maintain the economic embargo against Iraq, especially the prohibition against the sale of Iraq oil.

With an influx of money from oil, he said, Iraq could easily revive its weapons program.

"The supply system, including banks and payments, is there," Mr. Ekus said. "The day the oil embargo is lifted, Iraq will get all the cash. With the cash, the suppliers and the skills, they will be able to re-establish all the weapons programs," he added. "It may grow up like mushrooms after the rain."

Mr. Ekus said that although his commission had destroyed Iraq's large nuclear weapons design installations, it may have missed some clandestine laboratories. In addition, he said, Iraq maintains a cadre of scientists and engineers that could restore the program.

Iraq can also maintain at least part of its prewar network of foreign suppliers because it has refused to identify the companies that sold it nuclear technology and equipment, he said.

Speaking at a meeting Wednesday arranged by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Mr. Ekus said the commission had destroyed 150,000 chemical weapons, including artillery shells and warheads for Scud missiles, as well as large amounts of bulk chemicals. But he said the chemical weapons programs also could be restored if the world was not vigilant.

Mr. Ekus said his inspectors had not accounted for about 200 of Iraq's prewar arsenal of 890 Scud missiles.

Under the terms of the UN Security Council resolution that ended the Gulf War, the oil embargo against Iraq will not be lifted until Mr. Ekus certifies that all nuclear installations have been eliminated. So far, he said, Mr. Saddam seems more concerned about maintaining his nuclear potential than about returning to the oil market.

Italian newspapers reported that one of the most powerful politicians in Naples, a Socialist member of the city council, Silvano Mezzanotte, was giving investigators details of links between politicians and the Camorra, the Neapolitan Mafia.

In Palermo, Vito Ciancimino, the former Christian Democrat mayor, agreed to break his long silence on ties between politicians and the Mafia, Italian state radio and television said.

Backlash Builds as 2d Boy Dies in IRA Bombing

By John Darnott
New York Times Service

LONDON — As a second boy died Thursday from wounds from a weekend bombing in northern England, there were signs of a growing public backlash against the Irish Republican Army's terrorist campaign that seems to strike more and more ordinary civilians.

For some time now, bombs or bomb scares have become a feature of life in London and other cities in England, and people appear to accept them with an air of resigned fatalism.

But widespread anger and revulsion have been touched off by the two bombs that went off in metal trash baskets in a crowded shopping area Saturday afternoon in Warrington, a town on the Mersey River 16 miles (25 kilometers) east of Liverpool.

Fifty-six people were injured, many of them seriously, by the bombs, and a three-year-old boy, Johnathan Ball, was killed.

Another boy, Tim Parry, 12, ran from the first explosion straight into the second, which occurred only moments after.

He caught the blast head-on but somehow managed to survive. For days, as he lingered between life

and death, the whole country followed news reports on his falling condition. Finally, after a brain scan showed little activity, the life-support system was disconnected and he died at 11:20 Thursday morning.

With composure, his father, Colin Parry, described the boy's last moments. Then, when he was asked if he felt anger toward the IRA, he fought to hold back tears and said no — all he felt was loss.

"We produced a bloody good kid," Mr. Parry said. "He was a fine lad," he added. "He had his moments, he could be a cheeky impudent little pup. But he was a great kid."

Mr. Parry added: "The IRA, I've really got no words for them at all."

The magnanimity is not shared by everyone. The public mood seemed summed up by a headline in the tabloid, The Sun, which read: "Put the IRA up against a wall then shoot them."

Also on Thursday, almost as a reminder that most of the violence in the 23-year campaign to force Britain out of Northern Ireland has occurred in Northern Ireland itself, three Catholic workmen were killed in an ambush by Protestant paramilitaries. They died when their van was sprayed with gunfire as they arrived for work in the northern coast town of Castlerock.

The Warrington bombing touched a particular nerve because the victims were so young and also because it was carried out in a way that seemed calculated to cause harm to ordinary people.

At various times in its 20-year campaign of terror on the mainland — a campaign that has ranged from shootings to car bombs — the IRA has insisted that it is targeting only police, military or official civilians.

But in recent years its bombs have been placed in public places, like railroad or subway stations, office buildings in the financial center or Harrod's department store.

"The IRA goes through phases on the targeting of civilians," said

Frank Brechley, chairman of the Research Institute for the Study of Conflict and Terrorism, a nongovernmental research agency.

"The active service units that are sent over here — usually four or five people, always including a woman to make observation work easier — stay undercover for a year or more before starting operations. They develop wide discretion when it comes to targets."

From March 1973, when the campaign started with a car bomb in front of the Old Bailey law courts, to December 1992, there were 821 terrorist incidents on the mainland, resulting in 115 deaths and 1,614 injuries, according to Scotland Yard.

Casualties have also been increased lately because the warnings telephoned in by the IRA often are late or have incomplete or misleading information, the authorities assert. This is denied by the IRA.

In a statement acknowledging authorship of the act, the IRA said it "profoundly" regretted the death and injuries but asserted that the responsibility "lies squarely at the door of those in the British authorities who deliberately failed to act on precise and adequate warnings."

The statement provoked an angry retort from the Home Secretary, Kenneth Clarke, who said it was "deeply cynical to follow such an outrage with cynical nonsense of this kind."

The bombing has evoked an emotional outpouring in Dublin as well. On Wednesday night, a peace march in the Irish capital drew thousands.

Thousands registered there Thursday to sign books of condolences to be sent to the mayor of Warrington.

Police Raid A Neo-Nazi Rock Band

FRANKFURT — The police raided 40 homes across Germany in a crackdown Thursday on a far-right rock band accused of spreading neo-Nazi ideology, prosecutors said.

The raids were part of an investigation against Störkraft, one of the most popular of about 50 skinhead music groups preaching violence and hatred of foreigners. The group's name means disruptive force.

Störkraft's lead singer is accused of spreading neo-Nazi ideas and inciting racism in concerts and recordings, the prosecutor's office in Koblenz said. Skinhead bands became a favorite of neo-Nazis because their aggressive, loud music glorifies violence and preaches German superiority.

The raids in search of evidence, including tapes and sales lists, was ordered in 12 of Germany's 16 federal states and followed a first round of nationwide searches in February.

The police began the crackdown on Störkraft and other skinhead bands after being accused of doing too little to combat brutal attacks on foreigners by rightist gangs for more than a year. These include street beatings and firebomb attacks on refugee hostels.

A fire on Thursday swept a hostel for foreign refugees in Siegen, but no one was injured, and fire fighters said it was not clear what had caused the pre-dawn outbreak. Flames went through the roof of the building in the town, about 75 kilometers east of Bonn.

First Woman Concorde Pilot

LONDON — The Concorde, the world's only commercial supersonic aircraft, was flown by a woman for the first time Thursday, Barbara Hammer, 39, one of 40 women who are pilots with British Airways, flew the Concorde at twice the speed of sound to New York, making aviation history.

WORLD BRIEFS

FBI Arrests 5th Bombing Suspect, 3 Captured Earlier Plead Not Guilty

NEW YORK (AP) — The FBI arrested a fifth suspect Thursday in the World Trade Center bombing, and three suspects arrested earlier pleaded not guilty in federal court.

Bilal Alkaisy, 27, of New York City turned himself in at the FBI's Newark, New Jersey, office, authorities said. His arrest came hours after Mahmoud Abu Halima, 34, an Egyptian-born former New York taxi driver who investigators say was the guiding hand in the attack, arrived from Egypt on a U.S.-chartered jet to face charges. An FBI spokesman, Jim Lamb, said Mr. Alkaisy probably would be charged with aiding and abetting the Feb. 26 bombing, which killed six people and injured about 1,000.

Mr. Halima, who was arrested by Egyptian authorities at his home in the Nile Delta amid a sweep of Muslim extremists, was "someone on the style of a consultant," an investigator said. He "was telling others what should be done." Mr. Halima was to be arraigned Thursday on undisclosed charges.

Also Thursday, Mohammed A. Salamah, 25, and Nidal A. Ayyad, 25, pleaded not guilty in federal court in New York to charges of aiding and abetting the bombing. Ibrahim A. Elghawry, 42, pleaded not guilty to charges of assaulting federal agents who searched his apartment for clues. A New Jersey newspaper reported that the FBI was searching for at least one more suspect.

Marine Cleared of Killing Somali Boy

MOGADISHU, Somalia (Reuters) — U.S. military authorities have dropped charges against a Marine who shot and killed a 13-year-old Somali boy last month, a U.S. spokesman said Thursday.

The spokesman said military authorities had decided "after careful review" that no action would be taken against Sergeant Walter A. Johnson, who killed Omar Ahmed Mohammed on Feb. 4. Sergeant Johnson, who also wounded two by-standers, had opened fire in the belief that the boy was about to drop something, probably an explosive device, into the soldier's vehicle.

In a separate case, the military decided that Gunnery Sergeant Harry Conde would be tried by court-martial April 5 for shooting and wounding a youth who tried to steal his sunglasses.

Mia Farrow Testifies on Woody Allen

NEW YORK (AP) — Woody Allen exhibited inappropriate behavior with his daughter, Dylan, for years before sexual abuse allegations were filed, Mia Farrow testified Thursday.

"If she visited his apartment, they would end up playing in his bed," Ms. Farrow said. "The quality of it would arouse her and she would grab at him. That happened three times."

Mr. Allen and Ms. Farrow, his companion and leading lady for 12 years, are locked in a bitter custody fight in Manhattan state Supreme Court over their two adopted children, 7-year-old Dylan and 15-year-old Moses, and their biological child, 5-year-old Satchel.

Correction

A brief item in the financial pages of the March 23 edition misidentified the Japanese maker of a miniature robot. The company is Seiko Epson Corp.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Passengers on the Channel Tunnel shuttle trains will be accompanied, by a "warm and lovable" mole, the company announced Thursday. The character, Marcus the Mole, has been chosen as the mascot for the Le Shuttle which will operate through the tunnel up to four times an hour, starting in December 1993. Marcus will lead a £20 million (\$28 million) promotion campaign of a range of products including toys, games, stationery and books. A TV series is also planned for early 1994. (AFP)

The Negev Tourism Development Administration wants to turn King Solomon's Mines near Eilat in Israel into a Disney-style attraction. An international tender is scheduled to be issued shortly to raise \$15 million to build a biblical theme park at the abandoned copper mines in the Negev desert. (AFP)

Deaths on British roads decreased last year to their lowest level since records began in 1926. Official data on Thursday showed that 4,273 people died in road accidents in 1992, compared with 4,886 in 1926 and 4,513 in 1948, which was the previous lowest total. The worst year was 1941, when 9,169 road deaths were recorded. (Reuters)

Unions of Japan's major rail companies decided to call off a planned 24-hour strike Thursday as they accepted a lower wage offer. Union workers had threatened to strike from Thursday's first train service, stranding an estimated 24 million passengers. (AFP)

Once Temperate Venus Might Have Had Life

LOS ANGELES — Venus, the arid and intensely hot "twin planet" of Earth, once was temperate and covered by perhaps 75 feet of water — conditions that may have accommodated life, according to scientists with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

But NASA researchers in Mountain View, California, stressed that they had no evidence that even simple organisms actually did evolve on Venus before a runaway greenhouse effect boiled off the water, leaving the planet almost certainly uninhabitable today.

"All the data we have indicates that Venus started out just like Earth," said Tom Donahue, the University of Michigan professor of planetary sciences in charge of analyzing data from the Pioneer-Venus satellite.

Researchers estimated how much water existed on Venus billions of years ago by measuring the amount of hydrogen in the atmosphere and the current ratio of hydrogen to deuterium, a slightly heavier isotope.

Pioneer counted hydrogen isotopes during very early in its 14-year mission, which ended last fall when it exhausted fuel in the rockets that had prevented it from tumbling into the dense Venusian air and burning up from friction.

"Venus once was a very wet planet," Mr. Donahue said, although even at its peak it probably never had more than 0.4 percent of the water on Earth.

Liquid water probably disappeared from Venus at least 3 billion years ago — a more precise date will have to wait for further calculations, he said — but it may have been around for 1.5 billion years, long enough to nurture bacteria and other simple organisms.

Bad luck put Venus just slightly too close to the sun, Mr. Donahue said in his team of scientists' conclusion. Although Venus is relatively close to Earth — it is the nearest of all planets — it orbits just inside that area in the solar system in which life is most likely to evolve.

Mars is in the zone, Mr. Donahue said, but was too small to maintain a hot core or to generate enough gravity to hold onto its atmosphere. If Venus had Mars' orbit, he added, some form of life likely would be found there today.

KOREA: Is Kim Jong Il on Top?

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debate from the issue of inspectors to whether the country could be lured back into the treaty. "It gives him a card, North Korea's only card," a senior South Korean official said.

Another explanation is that Mr. Kim is seeking to distract the North Korean public and the military from their many miseries — a critical shortage of food and fuel and a bankrupt economy.

A third possibility, some in Seoul say, is that the North Koreans are looking to negotiate directly with the United States, bypassing South Korea.

A fourth reason often suggested in Seoul these days is that North Korea is hoping that the possibility that it holds a bomb could be used to blackmail the South, forcing it to speed up trade and investment with the Communist North.

And the fifth theory is perhaps the simplest: Mr. Kim has spent most of his life — and a significant slice of the gross national product — trying to build a bomb, and is not about to give up as the inspectors get close. Leaving the treaty may have been his only way to protect the investment.

If the younger Kim has truly taken control, the evidence should be obvious soon. Until now, his father has been the one meeting foreign guests. Presumably, that would change.

And if Mr. Kim wins his war of nerves with the International Atomic Energy Agency, government guides in North Korea may start talking about him with more respect; last year, they had a hard time naming his accomplishments.

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On Party-Line Vote, Senate Backs Draft Of Clinton Budget

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
WASHINGTON — The Senate on Thursday approved President Bill Clinton's five-year blueprint to raise taxes, cut military spending and bolster some domestic programs to spur the economy and cut the deficit by \$500 billion over five years.

The vote was 54 to 45, with none of the Senate's 43 Republicans voting in favor. Minor differences between the Senate version and one passed earlier by the House of Representatives must be reconciled for final passage. But the compromise requires no presidential signature because the measure merely sets guidelines and does not create spending laws.

Policies outlined by the budget are to be put into law in a catch-all spending bill this summer to help control the deficit.

Only two Democrats — Richard Shelby of Alabama and Bob Krueger of Texas — failed to support the new president.

Following the vote, the Senate immediately began debate on a companion \$16.3 billion jobs bill that Mr. Clinton says is needed to keep the economy headed out of recession. The White House promised an all-out effort to make sure that it, too, was passed.

"The president's committed to it," said the White House press secretary, Dee Dee Myers. "We're working very hard with members of the Senate to see that that happens."

In a televised interview Wednesday, Mr. Clinton predicted the measure would be approved because "the public would just be outraged at the thought that we have a chance here to create a half a million new jobs" and that it might be "stowed up."

But earlier Wednesday, the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Robert C. Byrd, Democrat of West Virginia, offered a warning that the \$16.3 billion package would have a "very, very difficult" time winning Senate approval.

Mr. Byrd, who has joined with Mr. Clinton in opposing proposals by moderate and conservative Democrats to shelve or delay enactment of a majority of the stimulus spending, said the package was vulnerable to a Republican filibuster that could force Mr. Clinton to make concessions.

Mr. Byrd rejected a mild proposal by two Democratic senators, John B. Breaux of Louisiana and David L. Boren of Oklahoma, to hold about \$10 billion of the spending in abeyance until Congress completed work on overall spending cuts as a "killer amendment."

In the televised interview, Mr. Clinton acknowledged the possibility of a filibuster.

Several Republicans, however, said they did not plan to filibuster, at least initially, and expressed doubt that they would be able to leave much of an imprint on the stimulus package.

Before giving its final approval to the budget Thursday, the Senate also endorsed, 73 to 24, another of Mr. Clinton's stated priorities — the line-item veto. The nonbinding resolution by Senator Bill Bradley,

Democrat of New Jersey, voiced support for giving the president the power to veto individual spending items or tax breaks in future legislation.

Mr. Clinton's budget would raise taxes, cut Pentagon spending and make select increases in domestic programs beginning in fiscal 1994, which begins Oct. 1. In both the Senate version and the one passed by the House last week, federal deficits would be reduced over the next five years by a total of about \$500 billion.

The budget emerged unscathed Wednesday from its toughest challenge, a Republican amendment that would have stripped away a proposal to raise taxes on higher-income Social Security recipients.

The Senate defeated, 52 to 47, the amendment offered by Trent Lott, Republican of Mississippi, to remove the Social Security increase. (AP, Reuters, WFP)

No Parental Notification

The House on Thursday rejected a Republican effort to require parental notification for minors seeking abortions at federally funded clinics. The Associated Press reported.

The 243-to-179 vote came as the House moved on a bill to end tight government restrictions on abortion counseling. The measure, which authorizes spending for family-planning clinics, writes into law Mr. Clinton's lifting of the Bush administration's ban on such counseling.



President Bill Clinton being nuzzled by his cat, Socks, after his morning jog on Thursday.

POLITICAL NOTES

Change of Heart on Justice Aide

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton has decided not to nominate Charles F.C. Ruff, a Washington lawyer, as deputy attorney general because of concern about Mr. Ruff's failure to pay Social Security taxes for his household help and warnings from key Senate Democrats that they would not come to Mr. Ruff's defense, according to congressional sources.

Joseph R. Biden Jr., chairman the Senate Judiciary Committee, had already made clear to White House officials that Mr. Ruff would be "a big problem." White House officials, including a congressional liaison, Howard Pastar, concluded that the political risk of going forward with Mr. Ruff would be too high after Attorney General Janet Reno quietly canvassed other Judiciary Committee members.

Ms. Reno called Mr. Biden and indicated that it was "her judgment not to go forward," the Delaware Democrat said.

Mr. Ruff failed to pay Social Security taxes for a 71-year-old woman who had cleaned his house once a week for nine years. He said he had not been aware that he was required to pay the taxes, because the woman was past retirement age. He recently paid \$3,300 in back taxes. (WFP)

Election Law Gets a Going-Over

WASHINGTON — President Clinton, who is under pressure to curb the influence of special interests in elections, intends to propose restricting donations to political parties, White House officials said.

But a draft of the plan the officials are working on would permit individuals to give more overall to federal candidates. That feature brought protests from groups pressing for changes in the campaign finance system. They contended that the proposal did little to reduce the role of big money in politics because it would make it easier for candidates to raise large sums.

Under current law, individuals can give a total of \$25,000 a year to finance candidates for federal office, either in direct donations or through a national political party.

But beyond that amount, individuals, unions and corporations can now give as much as they want to national political parties for such activities

as voter registration drives. Such money is not supposed to finance candidates for federal office, but it often helps them indirectly without counting against contribution limits.

The legislation the White House is drafting would raise the annual contribution limit to \$50,000 — \$25,000 to federal candidates and \$25,000 to the national parties. Some unrestricted giving would still be allowed for party activity on behalf of contenders for state and local office. In addition, the proposal would not limit donations to political parties for such costs as constructing and maintaining party buildings. In the past, such accounts have received millions of dollars from donors, corporations and labor unions.

Despite the president's talk of tightening the campaign laws, some advocates of change contend that his plan would do little to decrease the influence of special-interest donors. (NYT)

Misdirected Communications?

WASHINGTON — It sure is tough being George Stephanopoulos these days.

Take what happened at a Washington fitness club. Some clients tell us there was a near-revolt when it seemed that Mr. Stephanopoulos, the White House communications director, was permitted to jump the endless line waiting for a piece of exercise equipment called a StairMaster. And then, when his allotted 15 minutes was up, he got right on again.

"It's just not true," Mr. Stephanopoulos insisted. "I never asked for and I don't expect preferential treatment. I remember that night. There was a huge commotion that involved two other guys. One guy wouldn't let another guy on the StairMaster."

This must have been Workout Night from Hell, as even the manager recalls it with a shudder. "Just a misunderstanding on a very crowded night," she says. "I've known George for 12 years, and I would never give him special treatment." (WFP)

Quote/Unquote

A Capitol Hill security guard, after asking a freshman representative, Maria Cantwell of Washington state, who was locked out of her office, what legislator she worked for and being told that she, in fact, was the legislator: "You guys sure don't look like you used to." (WFP)

Away From Politics

• A moderate earthquake centered near Portland, Oregon, rocked a broad area of the Pacific Northwest, damaging the state Capitol, an empty school and highway bridges, authorities said.

• David Koresh, leader of the Branch Davidian cult that has been holed up in its heavily armed compound near Waco, Texas, for three weeks, has punished some of his followers for getting drunk after a shoot-out with federal agents, federal officials said, adding that one cult member may have been sent out of the compound because of disobedience.

• The Jack-in-the-Box fast-food chain says it expects to report a second-quarter loss of \$20 million to \$30 million, mainly because of an outbreak of food poisoning at its restaurants in the Northwest that killed two children and made hundreds of customers ill.

• A plan to improve racial balance in the Detroit Police Department has met its goal and is no longer needed, a federal appeals court ruled. The plan called for changing the proportion of black to white sergeants — 5 percent to 95 percent in 1974 — to a 50-50 ratio, close to the city's racial makeup at the time.

• Ruben Zano Arce, 64, brother-in-law of Luis Echeverria, a former Mexican president, was sentenced in Los Angeles to life in prison for his role in the 1985 torture and killing of a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent, Enrique Camarena.

• The 1,900 teachers in the Dayton, Ohio, school system went on strike in a contract dispute, but schools opened with substitute teachers and administrators.

• Carlos Montoya, 38, a Mexican laborer convicted of killing a Dallas police officer, was executed by lethal injection at the state prison in Huntsville, Texas.

• Few years after the worst oil spill in U.S. history ravaged Alaska's Prince William Sound, Commerce Secretary Ronald L. Brown acknowledged that cleanup efforts to date were disappointing and pledged to expedite the process.

• Hundreds of protesters took to the streets in Fort Worth, Texas, after a 17-year-old white supremacist who had been convicted in the murder of a black man was sentenced to probation only. Prosecutors said they were considering an appeal of the sentence.

• Sergeant Stacy C. Koon, in his second day on the witness stand, took responsibility for every kick and blow used on Rodney G. King, whose videotaped beating by Los Angeles police officers during his arrest after a high-speed chase horrified the nation. "My intent was to cripple Rodney King," said Sergeant Koon, the senior officer at the scene. "That is a better option than having to use deadly force, having to choke or having to shoot Rodney King." (LAT, NYT, Reuters, AP)

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BOSNIA: Muslim President Signs Peace Plan at the UN With a New Map

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was not immediately known how the map was changed.

Fred Eckhardt, spokesman for the mediators, said Mr. Karadzic "reserved his position."

The meeting for the signing was the first joint session involving all three leaders since the peace talks moved from Geneva to New York earlier this year.

All three leaders have previously signed two other documents dealing with constitutional principles, and arrangements for a cease-fire and disengagement of forces.

With international outrage mounting over the plight of Muslims in eastern Bosnia, Mr. Milosevic appeared eager to end any diplomatic pressure on Serbs by playing peacekeeper.

General Morillon said in Belgrade that he requested a cease-fire throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina, not just in the stricken east, where the French general has been holed up for two weeks.

He has made a personal crusade of saving Srebrenica, where up to 60,000 people are surrounded by attacking Serb forces. Hundreds of desperate people were reported fleeing the town on foot Thursday.

The French general said, "President Milosevic has promised to help me in implementation of any evacuation and aid convoys for Srebrenica."

"I hope with the help of the president we could avoid what could be the start of a new war," General Morillon said. He refused to elaborate, but apparently referred to the Serb push in eastern Bosnia.

In a related development, the Defense Ministry in Bonn said German planes were not joining airdrops of humanitarian aid over eastern Bosnia on Thursday as expected.

German and French aircraft had been scheduled to join U.S. planes parachuting emergency supplies over east Bosnia. (AP, Reuters)

YELTSIN: Breathing Room

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Yeltsin's second emergency session in less than a month. By his own admission, however, they are unlikely to be able to muster the required two-thirds majority of the 1,033 deputies.

But even if the hard-liners do not succeed in dismissing Mr. Yeltsin, they could further whittle away his power. Mr. Khasbulatov has already demanded that Mr. Yeltsin surrender control over state-run radio and television and stop overseeing the work of local government bodies through a network of provincial governors and presidential representatives.

The Congress might also try to purge the government of outspoken reformers such as Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev and Deputy Prime Minister Anatoly B. Chubais.

In the short term, Mr. Yeltsin's attempt to reassert his authority through a dramatic appeal to the nation appears to have backfired. His about-face on assuming emergency powers has alarmed many of his remaining supporters in parliament, while only whetting the appetite of his opponents for fresh political concessions.

"The president does not seem to have a real strategy," said Ravit Smorov, a pro-Yeltsin deputy from the northern Russian town of Volgograd. "One day he attacks, the next day he retreats. It's difficult to know what to make of all this."

The strategy becomes more explicable if one assumes that Mr. Yeltsin has given up on the Congress and is staking everything on the battle for public opinion. In his television address Thursday night, the president once again tried to portray the Congress as the principal obstacle to political stability.

Public opinion polls published in the pro-Yeltsin Moscow press suggest that his standing with the voters has improved significantly since he embarked on the latest tussle with parliament. A poll of 1,100 Muscovites in the newspaper Izvestia, for example, reported that 59 percent would support Mr. Yeltsin in the referendum he has planned for April 25 and that 16 percent would vote against him.

The results were treated skeptically by many deputies, including several pointed out that the polls had been carried out in the Moscow region, which is traditionally a Yeltsin stronghold.

Alaska Site Pushes Back Prehistory

WASHINGTON — The remains of a prehistoric hunting lookout in northern Alaska have been identified as the earliest well-documented evidence of people living in America.

The discovery of some finely worked stone lance points and charcoal from campfires at the 11,700-year-old site appeared to solve one mystery of the earliest Americans. If they had indeed migrated across land then connecting Siberia and Alaska, where were the remains of this paleo-Indian culture in the far north? Previously, the earliest established artifacts were those found in the high plains and Southwest of the United States, dating from about 11,000 years ago.

Archaeologists said the discovery of these paleo-Indian artifacts in Alaska was an exciting and important event in New World archeology. It is certain to force scholars to rethink many of their theories about how and when people first entered the Americas.

CONDUCTOR: Sony's Chief Takes Up the Baton

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Mr. Ohga's idea that the disk be able to accommodate Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, at about 74 minutes.

Mr. Ohga began conducting in public in 1950, when he was 60, and has conducted benefit concerts in Tokyo and Germany for the Poland Relief Fund and a handful of arts organizations and festivals.

Nathan Leventhal, the president of Lincoln Center, saw a video of one of Mr. Ohga's concerts at a demonstration of Sony's high-definition television system in Tokyo in 1982.

"He was conducting the Schubert 'Unfinished,'" Mr. Leventhal recalled. "It was a very musical performance, very graceful. He obviously had a great feel for the music. So when Mickey Schifno proposed his conducting a benefit for Lincoln Center, I agreed to it."

Still, one senses slight hesitation at Lincoln Center about the idea of a well-connected, enthusiastic amateur conducting on the institution's behalf. Several officials noted pointedly that the concert is a private, philanthropic event, not a Lincoln Center presentation.

The proceeds are to be divided among all the Lincoln Center constituents, and David Rivlin, Lincoln Center's vice president for marketing, said previous events have typically raised \$200,000.

As for Mr. Ohga, it seems that in purely musical matters he is not entirely a company man. Asked whether recording of the Beethoven Seventh was his favorite, he thought for a moment and said it was Carlos Kleiber's, with the Vienna Philharmonic. On Deutsche Grammophon.

IHT: Richard McClean to Succeed Lee Huebner in July

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Mr. McClean served as advertising director from 1975 to 1979 and was marketing director and managing director from 1979 to 1981. He became deputy chief executive in 1983 and assumed his current position in 1989.

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Mr. Huebner, who served as a White House speech writer and an executive of Whitney Communications Company in New York before coming to Paris, said he will be announcing his own career plans shortly.

Mr. Huebner said: "I am delighted, both personally and professionally, that Richard McClean is coming to the IHT. He has been a true pioneer in the development of international publishing and he understands both the rich traditions of the Herald Tribune and its exciting opportunities. He will inherit a successful team at the Trib and the team will be getting an exceptional leader."

2 Earthquakes Hit Japan

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TOKYO — Two moderate earthquakes jolted Japan on Thursday, the meteorological agency said. There were no reports of injuries or property damage. The epicenter of the first quake, measuring 4.0 on the Richter scale, was off the Izu Peninsula. The second quake measured 5.9. Its epicenter was in the Pacific off Hokkaido.

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Kohl: Limping to Washington
Wavering Robs German Locomotive of Steam

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

BONN — Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany, the strong man of Europe for most of George Bush's presidency, went to Washington on Thursday to meet President Bill Clinton, but the country leads now look far less economically formidable and politically self-confident than it did after reuniting two and a half years ago.

For months, Germany's political system has been all but paralyzed by indecision about how to handle the swelling ranks of refugees from Eastern Europe, the spiraling costs of absorbing the ruined Communist economy of Eastern Germany, and the growing expectations of its international partners.

By the time Kohl's government was sworn in, the political system had been all but paralyzed by indecision about how to handle the swelling ranks of refugees from Eastern Europe, the spiraling costs of absorbing the ruined Communist economy of Eastern Germany, and the growing expectations of its international partners.



Mr. Kohl taking a moment Thursday at a Bundestag debate.

Mitterrand and Conservatives
Appear Headed for Stalemate

By Joseph Fitchett
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — French politicians, looking beyond the second round of legislative elections on Sunday, are banding over the choice of prime minister and the rules for cooperation between a conservative government and President Francois Mitterrand.

These tactics reflect the calculations of presidential candidates. Favored to win an election now, Jacques Chirac, leader of the Gaullist Rally for the Republic, has started pressing for Mr. Mitterrand's early departure.

The wider background to these maneuvers is potentially ominous signs of widening French disaffection with the current system of representation and the cast of political leaders.

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OPINION

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Nuclear Cheats

The only explanation that makes sense for why North Korea is withdrawing from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty is that the latest inspections demanded by the International Atomic Energy Agency would have uncovered evidence of the bomb the North Koreans deny they are working on. In short, they are nuclear cheats. Their extreme totalitarian style creates a first level of suspicion, their intelligence-certified bomb progress a second level, and their stalling of IAEA inspections at two nuclear waste sites at Yongbyon a third.

North Korea denies all and obfuscates. It objected to Bill Clinton's resumption, after a year's pause, of joint American-South Korean maneuvers; these are now over. It further whines that the IAEA has demanded a "special inspection" — to examine an unlisted facility — which it has not demanded of others. These complaints are distractions from the main issue. There is a basic disparity: South Korea has a nuclear patron, North Korea does not. But the right answer for the North, which has brought isolation and impoverishment upon itself, is not to cheat and go nuclear. It is to seek its security in all-Korean, regional and global accommodation.

Privatizing Russia

Ten million new capitalists. No, they are not Koreans, Americans or West Europeans. They are Russian. In a matter of months, tens of thousands of Mom and Pop shops and hundreds of large enterprises have been privatized — turned over to workers, managers and outside investors, some foreign. By the end of April, when the number may reach 10 million, Russia will be well launched on an astonishingly quick traverse from socialism to capitalism.

concentrated so that owners would be able to keep managers in check. This added up to elegant economics but dreadful politics. It failed to involve ordinary citizens. Three years later the plan remains just that — a plan, bottled up in the National Assembly. Mr. Yeltsin chose a different tack. Borrowing from the Czechoslovaks, he involved citizens from the start. The plan turns half a company's shares over to its workers and managers, in an attempt to buy their allegiance. Most of the company's other shares are put up for auction; ordinary citizens bid for shares with vouchers provided free by the government. Nearly every Russian citizen is participating; few have sold their vouchers for cash, which they are entitled to do, rather than holding them to buy shares.

Whither U.S. Defense?

The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sam Nunn, is right to have posted the warning signs that he has with regard to the Clinton administration's defense budget. The president has proposed about twice as large a defense cut over the next five years as he said he would — and as Senator Nunn endorsed — in last year's campaign. The senator has been careful not to oppose the president's new position; he has not picked a fight. What he has done instead, and usefully so, is to point out some optimistic assumptions on which the new budget is based.

Mr. Nunn wants to lock both the president and Congress into the first alternative. The administration has not spelled out the cuts that it would make in the defense program to match the ones that it has proposed in the budget. It probably won't until late this year or early next. But it has argued that these programmatic cuts will be manageable, meaning that they will not be so deep or difficult as to impair the national security on which the defense budget ought to be based. For one thing, the inflation rate is now expected to be lower than when the Bush administration drew up its last detailed defense budget. Lower inflation would by itself reduce the Pentagon budget by many billions, a painless savings. Mr. Clinton also has proposed both a civilian and a military pay freeze this year and less than full indexation of pay for several years thereafter. That, too, would save billions.

East Asians Will Be Changing the Rules

By Leslie H. Gelb

ZHONGSHAN CITY, China — Boris Yeltsin's struggle for political survival, which rivets Europe and America, stirs mostly rhetorical yawns from East Asian leaders gathered here in southern China for a conference. To these government officials, business moguls and scholars, Russia is a long-term wreck about which outsiders can do little. Whether democratic or authoritarian, it is for them neither a threat nor, more importantly, a market.

1980s averaged an astounding 20 percent annually. This compares with 7 percent for the rest of China — not bad either. In 1991, per capita income among Guangdong's population of about 70 million hit \$1,250, very small by Western standards but an enormous leap forward in the developing world.

Beijing vs. Patten: Hong Kongers Will Decide It

By George Hicks

HONG KONG — The demand by China that Britain remove Governor Chris Patten as a "criminal" and "troublemaker" is only the latest of its increasingly frenzied attempts to bring him down. The root of Beijing's distaste for the man is not his failure to quote Tang poetry in his knees, grave fault though this is, but a much more mundane matter: He is trying to devalue real power from Britain to the people of Hong Kong.

Given the relatively low level of bilateral trade, the threat of economic reprisals by China is hardly going to move Britain. Beijing's best option is to intimidate the population of Hong Kong. By subtly threatening reprisals against those who support the governor, by breaking off all negotiations with Britain over Hong Kong's future, by sabotaging the proposed new airport and other major economic projects, China hopes to undermine local support for Mr. Patten.

violations, thereby disrupting regional trade. "Economic growth is more important than political freedom," a Filipino businessman said. "The Philippines, a former American colony, was the most subject to American idealism, and it's the place with the worst growth in the region. There is democratic gridlock in my country."

The Round Is Dying Of Neglect

By Roy Denman

to be intimidated? The colony has not only one of the highest standards of living in Asia but also freedoms that are unfindable in China — past, present or future. Freedom of speech, press, assembly, travel and religion are valued and felt to be under threat.

RUSSELS — A storm looms for the international business community. The Uruguay Round of world trade negotiations may well go bust in the next 12 months. More than two years behind schedule, it is in very bad shape.

How to Clean Up the United Nations

By Dick Thornburgh

WASHINGTON — With the vast increase in United Nations activities and expenditures resulting from the organization's new status as a global 911 emergency number, its capacity for ensuring the integrity of its operations is more important than ever.

Don't Expect New Politics From France

By Flora Lewis

PARIS — The overwhelming conservative avalanche in French parliamentary elections has people here somewhat worried, even the victors. The precise division of seats will be decided in Sunday's runoff, but projections show that 85 percent will go to the center-right coalition led by former Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, who is also mayor of Paris and former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

made for the majestic Charles de Gaulle, which spurs his successors to aspire to towering realms, leaves President Mitterrand the right to remain in power for two more years despite the voters' massive rejection of his party. That means that the campaign is far from over.

trail to grow cold and deprived the effort of the vitality and professionalism that would come from more regular procedures.

1893: King Is 'Attacked'

PARIS — A report was circulating in Paris last evening to the effect that an attempt had been made to assassinate the King of Italy. Fortunately there was no foundation for it beyond the fact that a madman threw a paper ball filled with mud into King Humbert's carriage. An attempt will doubtless be made to magnify this incident, and to invest it with a political character. It is to be hoped it will not succeed, and that through too much zeal a madman will not be taken for an assassin.

1918: Losses and Gains

PARIS — The gigantic battle on the Western front continues to rage with unprecedented violence. French troops, it is now officially reported, are in the struggle on the right of the British. Fighting back, the Allied

The result was that no negotiation on agriculture, and thus no serious negotiation on the package as a whole, could take place for years. Negotiation is about reckoning what you can get at the end of the day, calling it 100 and bidding for 160 or 170. If someone insists on 3,000 there can be no discussion.

The European Community made three mistakes. First, it should have explained publicly that the U.S. goal was unattainable; and then it should have offered a constructive alternative, say a 50-percent all-around cut in farm support, in parallel with targets set earlier for industrial tariffs, resulting in cuts of about a third each time.

But the president will still talk of "coupons, not retreating" and will get Congress, maybe in June, to extend "fast track" negotiating authority to the end of this year.

So at the end of the year the Uruguay Round will no longer be with us. It will have died of old age and neglect. There will follow a period of trade wars. Some on both sides of the Atlantic are hoping for this. No one will benefit, least of all the United States, because it has a substantial trade surplus with the European Community: \$17 billion in 1991.

NEW YORK — [From our New York edition:] The worst meat shortage in New York's history was in prospect for the week-end last night as the city's slim stocks of beef and pork, lamb and poultry were further depleted by heavier government purchases for war use. And, except for one possibility, it seemed certain that the next six days would bring no relief, with the result that meat rationing begins on Monday [March 29] some retailers would have nothing to ration or would be sold out quickly before all customers were satisfied.

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OPINION

Loose Threads on the Edges Of a Red-Carpet Conference

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Now we know why President Bill Clinton resisted for two months the serious test of a formal news conference. The traditional format reveals his weaknesses. He and his staff are patting each other on the back for not having made a gaffe and for anticipating the likely questions. Here is a more stringent view of Mr. Clinton's first foray into communications reality — answering sustained professional questioning from grown-ups.

Asked in his first formal news conference about his "broader difficulty with the Pentagon," the president, obviously unprepared, looked as if he had been slapped with a wet fish.

1. Ease up on the staging. Mr. Clinton adopted the Reagan Grand Entrance, the long red-carpet walk created by Michael Deaver to add royal pomp to the proceedings and strike awe in the viewers. It is completely in keeping with the character of Mr. Clinton; news conferences are presidential business, not state ceremony. And what's with the ferns? Sprouting up around the lectern were a half-dozen potted plants, separating the speaker from the audience by presenting the president as a flowering fount of knowledge. Al Gore's greenery influence is getting out of hand.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Giving Doubly to Russia

My Western colleagues tell me that many U.S. and West European Sovietologists no longer risk giving their governments advice, or making predictions, about Russia because they are still blamed for failing to foresee the peaceful transition to democracy in the former Soviet Union. If this is true, we should not be surprised by the strange temporizing policy of many Western decision-makers on how to assist the reform cause in Russia. For them to insist on Russian instability and "lack of investment guarantees" does not help; such temporization only worsens the problems. A sense of bitter disappointment is growing among Russian intellectuals. It is as if an experienced mountain climber had urged a beginner to scale a mountain, then deserted him at its base. No one seriously expected billions of dollars to pour in from the West, but assistance with meaningful projects to teach democracy and free enterprise would seem to be an important business not only for Russia but for a stable, democratic world order. Most people in Russia back democratic change and economic reform. But quite a few would hamper it, and those who temporize in the West help them. Millions of young people enter Russia's social and political life each year. There are ways — some as simple as board games — to teach them democratic values, notions of democratic governance, and the achievements of European civilization. Once again, to temporize is to miss opportunities.

Where the Buck Stops

Richard Nixon tampered with evidence subpoenaed by Congress and courts to cover up his crimes, and appointed a successor who pardoned him. Now Mr. Nixon is a foreign policy "elder statesman," treated with respect by editorial writers and columnists, and by President Bill Clinton. Ronald Reagan was the ultimate cowboy hero and symbol of the American dream. Now Reaganism may turn out to have been a sham. And Ronald ("Borrow and Spend") Reagan would be the culprit for the enormous budget deficit. American voters chose Mr. Nixon twice and Mr. Reagan twice. Presidents merely reflect the people's integrity, or lack thereof. When they lie, flout legality, promote greed or mortgage the nation's future for short-term gain, they merely enact Americans' own choices. We Americans are responsible for the mess we are now in, and that is what is so difficult to face.

A Reader Writes

I am writing to express how pleased I am regarding your recent overall approach to reporting the news. At a time when many journalists find it necessary to focus upon the negative or the sensational to gain readers, I find it refreshing that the International Herald Tribune is contributing on the positive side. Specifically, the article by Tom Redburn, "European Automakers Brake a Slide" (March 18) focused on the challenges facing the European auto industry and the opportunities that its management has to become more competitive in the world. Your reporting not only benefits the industry's management and its shareholders but will benefit every auto consumer. Bravo! KEITH KNUSSON, Nemilly-sur-Seine, France.

Their Actions Speak Louder Than All Their C-Words

By Ellen Goodman

BOSTON — I am just off the plane when the members of my welcoming and perhaps warning committee offer me a description of their hometown. "Well, first of all, our town is really conservative." The three greeters are like-minded women who are happy in their place and yet regard themselves as a conservative place. I hear them Tuesday from a woman who runs a YWCA. Her community has come in full force this day to give awards to local women whose work would once have been considered radical. But this is a conservative place. I hear them Wednesday from a man whose town is hosting a conference on families and children that does not limit itself to the old pro-family agenda. This too, he assures me, is a conservative place. As an outsider, in each town for only a day or two, I cannot dispute the expertise of these natives. There is more than enough evidence in each place of people who value tradition, long for stability, and are uneasy with neighbors who shake the boat. As for social conservatism, one newspaper editor tells me about the hundreds of canceled subscriptions that came after a Valentine's Day article on relationships that included a gay couple. But I have heard this phrase — "this town is really conservative" — too often in the past year, in too many places, in too many unexpected and even inappropriate circumstances. I have heard it uttered again and again by people who consider themselves exceptions. And now I wonder: Words like "liberal" and "conservative" don't mean as much anymore. Is it liberal or conservative to be appalled at the navy's Tailhook sex scandal, sick of violence in the movies and worried about teenage mothers? Yet, people who are concerned about the women's movement often tell me that feminism is a suspect word in their town's vocabulary. Men whose lives and marriages are changing will say they are unique in their neighborhoods. Could these local self-images lag behind reality? Could this time warp, in turn, undermine the people who see themselves as a vulnerable cutting edge instead of in a mainstream? In many places, it seems, we deal with change by not talking about it. As one or two or three "exceptions," we may never find strength in numbers. In theory the Clarence Thomas/Anita Hill hearings ended a long backlash against women. In theory Bill Clinton's election made change fashionable again. But at times it still seems that many people whose politics went into the deep freezer in the 50s have trouble believing in a thaw. They move ahead with the speed and confidence of runners looking over their shoulders. They talk as fluently as speakers worrying that they will stutter on an L-word. So, in my travels through middle-sized towns in middle America, people still believe their town is "really conservative." What I hear, however, may be a quiet, if not silent, majority for change. © The Boston Globe Newspaper Company.

Letters to the Editor

United States can police the world.

Nor should we Americans want to. Almost without exception U.S. intervention in other parts of the world has resulted in disaster. Would intervention here be an exception? CHARLES BUSSEY, History Department, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Toward a Just Society

What kind of economic model can best serve human and environmental needs? While many people in the West are still gloating over the defeat of communism, capitalism is also failing miserably as an equitable and environmentally safe economic system. The inequities are brutal. More than a billion people live in shantytowns, garbage dumps or on streets. The gap between rich and poor continues to widen. In the United States, this system has reached the absurd, with athletes and entertainers making outrageous salaries while so many people who really contribute to the country's future are grossly underpaid or have no work. Capitalism, as practiced today, is inherently inequitable. It is an environmental disaster, dependent on mass consumption and constant expansion of markets. Perhaps the solution is to combine the best attributes of capitalism and socialism into a truly democratic, equitable and workable system. DOUGLAS MATTERN, President, Association of World Citizens, San Francisco.

GENERAL NEWS

U.S. F-18 Gains on MiG for Malay Deal

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune SINGAPORE — Turmoil in Russia is helping to propel an advanced American fighter into contention with the Russian MiG-29 as Malaysia prepares to make a final choice on a new generation of combat aircraft. The previously stated preference of the Malaysian government for the MiG-29 has been modified in the past few weeks as doubts increased about the reliability of Russia as a military supplier, Western analysts said Wednesday. They said that the United States, concerned that a Russian defense deal with Malaysia would encourage other Asia-Pacific nations to turn to Moscow for cut-price arms, also made its offer more attractive by reducing the cost of the aircraft, guaranteeing early delivery and promising to supply a full range of missiles and bombs.

The American fighter now being seriously considered by Malaysia — the D model of the F-18 manufactured by McDonnell Douglas Corp. — is one of the most sophisticated offered for export by the United States. So far, the aircraft has been sold only to Western nations and U.S. allies, including Canada, Australia, Spain, Kuwait, Switzerland and Finland. Najib Razak, the Malaysian defense minister, said recently that the choice of planes was between the MiG-29 and the F-18. Regarding the stability of Russia as a long-term supplier, he said that "political risks" were part of Malaysia's "calculations." Malaysian officials have indicated that the country needs up to 24 new planes to replace aging U.S.-made F-5E fighters. Analysts said that a contract to supply two dozen F-18s to Malaysia would be worth about \$1.3 billion. It would be a welcome order for McDonnell Douglas, which needs to increase exports to offset declining U.S. orders.

Analysts said that Russia had offered to sell the MiG-29 to Malaysia at less than \$25 million each, with whatever conventional weapons were required and rapid delivery. Malaysian officials said that on a visit to Kuala Lumpur last month, Vice President Al-Ghazali V. Ruskol also offered to set up a MiG-29 in Malaysia. Western officials said that McDonnell Douglas was trying to persuade Malaysia that the F-18 was better suited to Malaysian operational requirements than the MiG-29, although it could not match the Russian offer on price. The officials said that the company, which is getting strong backing from the U.S. government, believed it could win the Malaysian order by offering a package of measures to help develop the aerospace industry in Malaysia and modernize the country's armed forces.

ASIAN TOPICS

The Rising Sun Flag Gets Official Status

A Japanese court has ruled that the rising sun banner is the official national flag. This was the first formal declaration since World War II that the familiar round red sun on a field of white is the national symbol. Commentators said the ruling reflects the declining influence of postwar isolationist attitudes as Japan moves toward a more active role in global affairs. For several years, Japan's Education Ministry has been promoting official status for the rising sun flag. In 1991, the agency approved textbooks that called it the national flag. But the flag's legal status had not been confirmed before this week, T. R. Reid of The Washington Post reports. The "Hinomaru" (Round Sun) flag and the national emblem, "Kikumayo" (Your Majesty's Reign) figure in daily life the much more rarely than do the flags and anthems of most Western countries. The court's ruling was made in a criminal case against a protester who burned the flag to demonstrate opposition to the govern-

Around Asia

South Korean legislators and officials who belong to the governing Democratic Liberal Party have disclosed their material wealth at the request of the new president, Kim Young Sam, who ran on an anti-corruption platform. Legislators' assets averaged \$3.1 million, and newspaper officials said they were flooded with calls from ordinary taxpayers expressing outrage at the wealth of their public servants. Among the 161 governing party members in parliament, Kim Jin Jae reported the largest assets, \$35 million. President Kim himself had earlier announced that his own assets amounted to \$2.1 million. The lowest figure came from Park Kyung Soo, a farmer. He reported assets of \$81,000 and found himself something of a national hero. "Poverty is pride," he said on national radio. "The reported assets are only the tip of the iceberg," said Ha Seung Chang of the Citizen's Coalition for Economic Justice. He said the lawmakers may not have reported all their assets because it is still legal to use false names for financial transactions. The main opposition Democratic Party demanded that the published figures be checked by the tax office and the public prosecutor. The party said its own lawmakers would disclose their assets next month.

8 Villagers Massacred in Cambodia

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PHNOM PENH — Suspected Khmer Rouge guerrillas massacred eight ethnic Vietnamese in central Cambodia, United Nations peacekeepers said Thursday. It was the sixth known massacre of ethnic Vietnamese in Cambodia since the peacekeeping operation began a year ago. In the attacks, all attributed to the Khmer Rouge, a total of 80 people were killed. The bodies of the most recent victims were found in a village in Kompong Chhnang Province, 90 kilometers northwest of Phnom Penh. All were shot at close range or killed with an ax or knife, said Dennis McNamara, head of the human-rights unit of the peacekeeping operation. At least three of the victims were children. UN officials were investigating claims by local residents that Khmer Rouge guerrillas were the killers, said Eric Fall, spokesman for the UN peacekeeping mission. The targeting of ethnic Vietnamese is the most crucial humanitarian concern facing peacekeepers, Mr. McNamara said. Many Cambodians dislike ethnic Vietnamese because of centuries of territorial conflict and the Vietnamese invasion and military occupation of Cambodia from 1978 until 1989. The Maoist-inspired Khmer Rouge killed many ethnic Vietnamese and, by some estimates, up to 2 million Cambodians during its rule in the 1970s. (AP, AFP)

8 Villagers Massacred in Cambodia

General Chiang Wei-luo, 76, sole surviving son of the late Chinese Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek, said he planned to visit mainland China now that he has retired as secretary-general of Taiwan's National Security Council. "Returning to the mainland is not a crime," he said, since he no longer holds a government post. "Ever since the first day I left the mainland, it has been my dream to return there." Chiang Kai-shek and his family fled to Taiwan at the end of the Chinese civil war in 1949. Taiwan bans senior government officials from traveling to China. Japanese tourists overseas, wearing brand-name clothes and carrying expensive cameras, have proved easy prey for muggers and kidnapers. Now a new store is offering protection for innocents abroad with hardware ranging from stun guns and tear gas to bulletproof jackets. Opened this month in Osaka, Giptone is the first store of its kind in Japan, says its president, Katsuchiro Sato. One attention-getting item is a remote control device that can give a thief fleeing with a stolen briefcase a 40,000-volt jolt, more than enough to make him drop it like a hot potato. The leather briefcase and its zipper cost 100,000 yen (\$850). Arthur Higbee

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I E I S U R E

Design Show: Home Is Where Gadget Is From Lucy's Kitchen to the Jacuzzi

By Susan Keselenko Coll

LONDON — Money being object, how would you furnish and decorate your dream home? An indoor swimming pool with a Jacuzzi, perhaps? Or how about a regulation-size bowling alley in the basement?

Imagination in 1956 was a bit more modest in its residential aspirations: When the BBC asked its female listeners what they wanted in their homes that year, the answers had mostly to do with top-loading dishwashers and Kenwood Chef mixers.

That dream kitchen, which might double as a set for an "I Love Lucy" episode with its square cooking pots, cheerful red-and-white checkered drapery, and arched gas range, is currently on display at the Design Museum, where a retrospective marking 70-*Ideal Home Exhibitions* continues until mid-August.

The *Ideal Home* Exhibition, originally launched in 1908 by the Daily Mail, has since become an important cultural, not to mention promotional, event for those Britons interested in viewing state-of-the-art gadgetry as well as those who make the building and furnishing of homes their business. (The Daily Mail's current exhibition, not to be confused with the Design Museum's retrospective, continues until April 12 at Earl's Court.)

The Design Museum's retrospective offers a concise look at the history of the exhibition, with archival material culled from the Daily Mail's records and from the Victoria and Albert Museum. Much of the exhibition consists of photographs, publicity material, and video footage.

A skit from a 1961 television comedy, for example, where the protagonist is trapped in an electronic-bedroom-gone-haywire at an

Ideal Homes Exhibit, is meant to emphasize how much the event has become ingrained in popular culture.

Other amusing highlights include a 1956 prediction of "The House of the Future." Sponsored by the plastics industry and designed by a team of avant-garde architects, the ultramodern house featured, not surprisingly, a liberal use of plastic, as well as such practical implements as a shower-cum-dryer with nozzles that dispensed either hot water or warm air, and a bathtub with a self-irrigating system that used foamless detergent. The premonition of bad taste in the clothing of the house of the future's occupants managed to hit closer to the mark than some of its unrealized cooptations.

ANOTHER of the more entertaining displays includes a voyeuristic peek into the contents of one woman's kitchen drawer to reveal a sampling of how she prepares her favorite dishes and desserts. Several labor-saving gadgets loaned by people who visited the show over the years are accompanied by written praise: "It works very well," says the owner of a Whisk-Rite egg separator. Another enthusiast remarks that she has had great fun with her souvenir New Zealand Cheddar Puzzle.

Some of the gizmos, naturally, have enjoyed a longer shelf life than others. There's a melon-baller, a lint-remover, and a tool with which to erect coconut cookie pyramids. There's also a potato piping bag, a slicer with which to make crinkle cut chips, and a rounded, metal object that might be employed to either pit cherries or pull teeth — museum visitors gathered around the display case could not agree on its intended use.

An advertisement for the ideal currency of the 1960s might aid in exploring the psyche of any infants unfortunate enough to have benefited from such technological inspiration. One photograph portrays well-fed, benign looking baby ovens hovering over infants of the 1930s. Ad copy explains that the nurse is a thing of the past — the cootemporary baby can simply be placed in a temperature-controlled baby cot out unsimilar in appearance to an iron lung, and fed from a food trolley that registers a child's vitamin needs and keeps his food at an even temperature.

Though technically separate exhibits, the museum's displays of household paraphernalia merge both physically and thematically with the *Ideal Home* Exhibit. The Hoover Company Profile, for example, provides enough anecdotal material for a Ph.D. thesis on the history of the vacuum cleaner.



The latest in dry shavers: The Remington stand in 1951.

A copy of the 1936 Hoover songbook offers such overlooked selections as "All the dirt, all the grit, Hoover gets it every bit," sung to the tune of the "Field Artillery March."

There's a copy of a 1939 advertisement praising a husband who, before buying himself a better car, sees that his wife has a better cleaner. And there's a 1959 training notebook instructing a saleswoman on how to convince people to buy a vacuum even if they think they can't afford one.

The retrospective offers a rich insight into

the social and commercial history of home-making, and presents students of home design with some food for thought, as well. Was the pink plastic icing tumbler a design flop, or was it simply a product ahead of its time? And how about that sleek Discovery Robot Vacuum cleaner by Hoover — was it the inspiration for Sonic the Hedgehog, or vice versa?

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Cheap Books! You

By Roderick Conway Morris

ROME — "They still don't really understand what we're about," said Marcello Baraghini of his fellow publishers. "They're in a state of shock."

A tall, gaunt 50-year-old with a grizzled beard, Baraghini has been shaking Italian book publishing to its foundations with a new series of books called "Millelire," which is what they cost — 1,000 lire (about 65 cents), less than a cup of coffee or a daily newspaper.

"In 1991," said Baraghini, "I was about to close down because I believed it was no longer possible in Italy to publish good, original books at reasonable prices." Baraghini was speaking in his tiny office-home in the basement of an old-style Roman apartment block by a windswept traffic intersection on the banks of the Tiber. With a bed jammed up against his restle-table and floor-to-ceiling bookshelves, there was just space to squeeze in to talk to this radical *enfant terrible*, who founded Stampa Alternativa in 1971, to issue counterculture booklets on topics like growing your own marijuana, macrobiotic cooking, contraception, abortion and children's rights. At that time deeply unpopular with the authorities, he eventually had to take to the hills, and spent three years working as a shepherd in Umbria. Remaining to publishing in the 1980s, he built up an impressive list of beautifully designed, but remarkably modestly priced books on art, illustration, calligraphy and jazz.

To mark his imminent closure two years ago, Baraghini did a farewell booklet of photos of bizarre prototypes of cars, with accompanying surreal interpretative texts, as a gift to booksellers. It provoked so much interest that Baraghini resolved to issue other titles in the same format — and change a token 1,000 lire for them, "a symbolic, nonprice price, that broke every barrier of accessibility."

The eccentric enterprise received an appropriately unpredictable boost from the runaway success of one title: "Letter on Happiness," a parallel text version of a disquisition on the Good Life by the Greek philosopher Epicurus (341-270 B.C.). Last year 800,000 were sold. "And I'm printing 200,000 more," said Baraghini, "all already ordered. One bookshop alone, here in Rome, has asked for 5,000 copies."



aghini hopes to increase the list to 100 titles, and sell 10 million books. Nor has Baraghini's zero-fire publicity budget prevented him from securing nationwide advertisements. "Panorama," Italy's leading news weekly, took 700,000 copies of "Millelire's" electoral reform guide to give away free with the magazine, and provided a free full-page ad for Stampa Alternativa. And when a commercial publishing conglomerate announced a promotional campaign offering a 25 percent discount on all its far more costly books, Baraghini countered with a "spoiling" event, where "Millelire" books were to be sold for 2,000 lire — twice the normal price. "Millelire's" founder draws no salary from the publishing company and makes a living from selling the books, often directly at open-air markets, in discos, to lines outside concerts, in schools and universities. Around 70 percent of buyers are young people, and going out to meet them, said Baraghini, "keeps your finger on the pulse, and makes you understand what they want."

"At first I was sent packing by many booksellers," said Baraghini cheerfully, "because they complained that the profit margin was

HEAR THIS

Now "Pride and Prejudice" is being serialized (sic). Emma Tennant (ed) reissues that "Pemberley" is about the ruins of Pemberley. What was really new is a sequel that combines books, maybe Vronsky sleds with Emma Bovary or the Artful Dodger emigrates and gets a job on a Mississippi tugboat, where he meets Huck Finn. To be continued.

Juliet, Trash on Mt. Everest and Other Hot New Records

By Mike Zwerin
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Whenever I visited New York while he was still alive, I would have lunch with John Hammond. He was the Columbia Records producer and talent scout who discovered Charlie Christian, Billie Holiday, Bob Dylan (who was called "Hammond's Folly" around the office before "Mr. Tambourine Man") and Stevie Ray Vaughan. Once, the enthusiastic septogenarian discovered shagbark hickory and said, "They tell me I just signed the next Bob Dylan. Some kid named Bruce Springsteen."

There was always a pile of audition tapes on his desk and that day he asked if I'd mind if he listened to a few of them before we went out. I imagined all the hopefuls waiting. He listened to each for a minute, maximum. He guessed what I was thinking. "You can tell after a minute," he said.

I was never able to break Hammond's one-minute-audition barrier. Excellence tends to reveal itself immediately, after which you listen for pleasure. And on the other side, the beast often has to be stalked. It can take time.

ELVIS COSTELLO AND THE BRODSKY QUARTET, "The Juliet Letters" (WB): Costello's wife Cait red a human interest story about a Veronese academic answering letters addressed to Juliet Capulet. The correspondence served as a point of departure for an intimate collaboration between Costello and the Brodskys. It's hard to divide the credits.

They wrote their own letters and music to go with them. The letters deal with love, jealousy, hate, fear and loneliness. You want to give them the benefit of the doubt, but this is one case where maybe a minute might have gotten them five stars for a good try.

After listening twice, however, it was obvious that the execution did not equal the premise.

You long to read the originals for an insight into what the French writer Boris Vian might have called "bizarreries." Maybe they're just people who write letters to tabloid editors. Or they simply want more out of life than "West Side Story."

The 20-song cycle leaves you with the worst of both possible worlds. It will appeal neither to classical fans in search of funk, nor pop fans looking for class. It might be defined as post-Eleanor Rigby Schubert, or deconstructionist Romeo.

MICHEL PETRUCCIANI, "Promenade With Duke" (Blue Note): Being a Corsican can swing. Petruccianni was immediately accepted by musicians and critics alike when he moved to Brooklyn in the early '80s. He has over had a problem with confidence, acceptance, virtuosity or commercial suc-

cess. Seduced by the dollar, he signed a contract with Blue Note and sold many units, but not enough for him. "I'd like to make a gold record," he said. "Maybe it's dangerous — you know, compromise. But... Wow! Imagine. Gold!"

From this solo album, it would appear that he has subsequently been seduced by Duke Ellington. Petruccianni has an original car, prodigious technique and you can't go wrong with the name Duke on your record. The tempo is overdesigned. He might have used fewer rafters. This is not what E. F. Schumacher meant by "Appropriate Technology."

HARRY CONNICK JR., "Eleven" and "25" (Columbia): A doubleheader you wish had been rained out. Connick-the-pianist comes to the plate in the midst of a long string of big innings as a derivative crooner and tap-dance-to-drums populist entertainer.

On "Eleven," one fact is indisputable — Connick's piano playing was pre-teen. The band's party-time-in-the-Big-Easy interpretation of the Bourbon Street tradition makes you wish you could hear Bunk Johnson at 11. This family-fondled session should have remained in the family attic. Its release implies an annoying and premature assumption of his place in history.

By the age of 25, Connick's once delightfully quirky Monk and Garner-influenced piano stylings have become a pistol-packing equivalent of the loose-cannon Bobby Darin influence that brought him fame and fortune. (Paraphrasing Brew Moore about Lester Young, any crooner who doesn't sing like Frank Sinatra is wrong.) His loose, carefree approach to tradition ("Lazybones," "Tin on Old Cowhand") reminds me of the climbers who left detritus on the slopes of Mt. Everest.

MILES DAVIS, "First Miles" (Savoy):

The friendly people at Savoy have issued the ultimate compilation, a Miles Davis record without Miles Davis on it. Half of it anyway. On tracks 9-16, recorded in 1945 when he was 20, Miles sounds as though he's looking in from the next studio. He's hardly audible, and only plays tuton riffs and short light-weight obbligatos. It could be anybody at all, they are of no interest whatsoever. These Rubenheads Williams dates feature Herbie Fields on clarinet and tenor saxophone. Any Miles Davis record with Herbie Fields on it is not a Miles Davis record.

The first eight tracks were recorded two years later with Charlie Parker on tenor saxophone — 24 minutes, including incomplete alternate takes of alternate takes ("wanna try it again, guys?"). To end on a positive note, you can never get enough of such wonderful stuff. Despite too many interrupted reject takes and his trademark early cinklers, half a "First Miles" CD is better than no Miles at all.

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so small there was no point in stocking the books. But then so many readers kept coming in and asking for this book or that, they gave in and took them — out of desperation.

Ironically, "Millelire's" meteoric rise is now threatening Baraghini with financial ruin: "It's quite simple, the more we sell, the closer we come to bankruptcy. An average book makes a profit of about 100 lire — but we never had any capital, so everything we make at the moment goes straight to the bank in interest payments." And with print runs of 100,000 and more, Baraghini has been forced to borrow ever larger sums to pay the printers, while having to wait six months to see any return on bookstore sales.

Despite his parlous position, he seems confident that the press will survive: "I need 200 million lire. I've already had several offers to help raise it. I'm considering, for example, selling the inside back cover as an advertising space to a suitable sponsor for a limited period of one year."

His ultimate ambition, Baraghini declared, was to be the architect of his own extinction as a publisher. "My dream is that 'Millelire' should be taken over by the readers, who

would choose, edit, publish and sell the books themselves."

"Then I can go off and do something completely different," he added, with a broad, disarmingly subversive smile.

Roderick Conway Morris, based in Venice, writes for the Spectator and other publications.



From left: A photo from the "Hundert Jahre in Russland" exhibit in Bonn; a painting from the "Avant-Garde in Czechoslovakia" show in

Valencia; a photograph from "Karsh: American Legends" in New York; and a drawing from "Edge of Chaos" in Humlebaek.

BELGIUM

Antwerp
Museum voor Fotografie (tel: 218.2211). March 26 To June 13: "Antwerp 93: A City in Photographs." Images of the city by five European artists: Hans Aarsman, Heinz Cibulka, John Davies, Andre Geplia and Bernard Pissot.

BRITAIN

Derby
Derby Museum and Art Gallery (tel: 995.5692). March 27 To May 9: "British Sculpture from the Arts Council Collection." A generation of contemporary sculptors, including Tony Craig, Richard Deacon, Cornelia Parker and Bill Woodrow.

London
Accademia Italiana delle Arti Applicate (tel: 225.3474). To April 25: "Sacred Space in the Modern Age." Photographs, models and drawings explore religious architecture in the 20th century.
Design Museum (tel: 403.6933). To Aug. 22: "Ideal Homes." A survey of public housing, suburban development and notions of modernity in the 20th century. Highlights include room reconstructions, furnishings, architectural models and films.

CANADA

Toronto
Art Gallery of Ontario (tel: 977.0414). To April 25: "Caricatures." A light-hearted exhibit which 29 new acquisitions of humorous, satirical and illustrative graphic art.

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Prague
Wallenstein Riding School Valdstejnska (tel: 231.5135). To May 2: "Bohumil Kubista: 1884-1918." More than 160 paintings, pastels,

drawings and prints trace the developments of the Czech artist's career.

DENMARK

Copenhagen
Ordugærdssamlingen (tel: 31.64.11.83). To May 2: "Matise: Chapel at Venice." Sketches, maquettes and paper cutouts for Matisse's final masterpiece, Humlebaek.

Louisiana Museum of Modern Art (tel: 42.19.07.19). To May 9: "At the Edge of Chaos: New Images of the World." A survey of developments in the field of architecture, the visual arts and sciences.

FRANCE

Créteil
Maison des Arts (tel: 49.80.38.98). To April 4: "Films des Femmes." In this suburb of Paris, a festival of films about women and by women directors and artists.

Paris
Grand Palais (tel: 47.22.20.42). March 31 To April 5: "Musica." An international music fair including instrument makers, performers, publishers and other aspects of music ranging from traditional artisanal work to the latest in automated acoustic materials.
Musée d'Orsay (tel: 42.84.18.34). To June 13: "Jean-Camille Formige: 1845-1925." Architectural drawings by the French designer who spent most of his career working for the city of Paris, designing parks, squares and fountains.

GERMANY

Bonn
Rheinisches Landesmuseum (tel: 729.41). To April 25: "Hundert Jahre Photographie in Russland von 1840-1940." One hundred years in Russia are illustrated through more than 300 portraits, landscapes and still lifes.

Cologne
Kölnisches Stadtmuseum (tel: 221.2352). To May 31: "Jugend im NS-Staat." Official documents and reports trace how the Nazi government controlled the development of youth in Germany between the two world wars.

GREECE

Athens
National Gallery (tel: 723.5875). To April 11: "From El Greco to Cezanne." Three centuries of European art, featuring 70 paintings and drawings by more than 48 artists.

ISRAEL

Jerusalem
Beth Hatefutsoth, Museum of the Jewish Diaspora (tel: 646.20.20). To April 30: "Sehadi Itinerary, 1992." Photographs from Frederic Brenner's nine-month journey across the Balkans to the New World, via Europe and Africa, retracing the steps of the Sapherdim in exile.

ITALY

Bologna
Galleria Comunale d'Arte Moderna Piazza Costituzione (tel: 502.859). To June 30: An overview of colonial Italian architecture between 1870 and 1940, including more than 700 city planning projects and public works.

JAPAN

Kasama
Kasama Nichido Museum of Art (tel: 96.72.21.60). To April 4: "Chaim Soutine." A retrospective, including more than 80 landscapes, portraits and still lifes.
Kobé
Kobé Museum (tel: 78.39.10.35).

To May 9: "La Musée du Louvre et le Nihon Kaiza Shimbum." In commemoration of the bicentennial anniversary of the Louvre, more than 95 masterpieces by 18th to 19th-century artists are on loan from the Louvre's collection.

UNITED STATES

Fort Worth
Kimbell Art Museum (tel: 332.84.51). To April 25: "Jacopo Bassano." More than 60 paintings and drawings by the Venetian Renaissance master.

New Haven
Yale Center for British Art (tel: 432.2800). To May 23: "The Archaeology of Architecture: C. R. Cockerell in Southern Europe and the Levant, 1810-1817." Explores Cockerell's archaeological work in the context of Ottoman Greece and the Levant, including drawings, sketches, books, diaries and letters.

New York
The Brooklyn Museum (tel: 638.50.00). To May 23: "Manet to Picasso: Prints and Drawings." Approximately 35 rarely seen works on paper, created in France between 1870 and 1940. Among these are works by Manet, Degas, Renoir, Cézanne, Picasso and Matisse.

St. Petersburg
The State Hermitage Museum (tel: 812.2129545). To April 11: "The George Ortiz Collection." Some 280 masterpieces spanning 30 cultures from the Neolithic age to the late Byzantine period.

SCOTLAND

Edinburgh
Scottish National Portrait Gallery (tel: 556.8921). To May 23: "Eugene Impy: A Passage Through India." More than 30 photographs of Indian landscapes, monuments and potteries taken during the artist's travels there as a diplomat.

SPAIN

Valencia
IVAM Centre Julio González (tel: 386.3000). To April 11: "The Art of the Avant-Garde in Czechoslovakia." More than 500 works by Czech artists.

SWITZERLAND

Lugano
Dicastero Musei e Cultura (tel: 2072.09). To May 30: Francis Bacon: 1909-1992." A retrospective of works produced between 1940 and 1991 by the English artist.

Nice Train If You Can Board It

By Barry James
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Passengers planning to travel on France's high speed TGV trains in the near future should arm themselves with patience — not for the magnificent trains themselves, but for the computer reservations system recently introduced by SNCF, the state railway.

A poster campaign at main-line stations claims that the system was introduced earlier this year as a convenience for passengers. But until SNCF gets the bugs worked out, this claim bears little correspondence with reality.

The 2 billion franc (\$365 million) system, based on similar systems in the airline industry, is known as Socrate. Rail experts say the purpose in introducing it was to give SNCF a more effective marketing tool to sell more seats and maximize revenue.

Socrate, which seems a lot less smart than the philosopher after whom it is named, has had a rocky introduction. During a recent visit to the Montparnasse station, most positions in the booking hall were unable to deal with simple matters like getting a ticket changed or refunded because they were not hooked up to the system. And at those positions that were connected, staff had placed notices beseeching furious passengers to "show comprehension" over the long delays.

SNCF officials acknowledge the teething troubles, but the company insists it is eliminating the bugs, and claims that Socrate is eventually making the traveler's life easier.

SNCF has not, however, managed to convince all members of the public that Socrate is not a ruse to put up fares. The company denies this. Unfortunately, the system came on line at

the same time as an annual round of fare increases. This was inept public relations, because now everyone blames the hike on Socrate.

Furthermore, many passengers have complained that their fares have gone up by considerably more than the rate of inflation. SNCF says fares went up by about three percent. But some passengers have encountered larger hikes on certain routes, sometimes in excess of 10 percent.

Meanwhile, passengers in northern France are afraid that fares will almost double once the current express trains are replaced by TGVs later this year. Customers in western France have complained of hefty increases with the extension of the TGV service toward Bordeaux.

One problem is that passengers cannot easily find out what they are paying for, because the fares are no longer itemized.

On the TGVs, the fare is a combination of the standard distance tariff (often longer when routed over the TGV lines) plus an obligatory and variable reservation fee, which gets more expensive at periods of high demand. Travel on certain trains requires payment of a supplement. All these elements have been lumped into a single price listed on the ticket.

Although the sleek, 300 kilometer-an-hour TGV trains are the quickest and often the most comfortable means of traveling between city centers, passengers with time to spare may like to consider the slower but cheaper Corail express. One problem, however, is that these have become relatively infrequent to destinations served by the TGV.

If Socrate, which covers all TGV, main-line and international destinations, is fraught with problems, it is nothing next to the user-friendly, extremely slow, self-service computerized tick-

et machines that SNCF has just introduced on suburban lines in Paris.

The customer touches a computer screen to bring up menus containing various travel options. This sounds simple — in fact, for a computer programmer who likes playing with loops and menus, it is. But the system was utterly beyond the powers of comprehension of one elderly woman trying to buy a 6.50-franc ticket from Gare Montparnasse to Sevres recently, and there are many like her.

Even for an experienced user fumbling through the menus as other users fume impatiently behind, it can take a minute or more to buy a ticket compared with a few seconds with the old mechanical dispensers.

STILL, SNCF promises a bright future with the opening on May 23 of TGV service to Lille and the completion of the major renovations at the Lyon and Nord stations in Paris.

The new northern network will link Lille and Charles de Gaulle airport near Paris in 50 minutes. With the opening of the channel tunnel next year, a high-speed link known as Eurostar will cover the 500 kilometers (310 miles) between Paris and London in three hours, 15 minutes — and even less once Britain has built its section of high-speed track. An extension toward the Benelux countries and Germany will reduce travel time between Paris and Brussels to one hour, 25 minutes in 1996, compared with at least two hours, 30 minutes today. Finally, SNCF is linking its various TGV services around Paris, meaning that passengers will be able to travel all the way from Marseilles to Calais on the same train — at a variable price, of course.

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KANTOR: Trying to Avoid an EC Collision

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retreat from any immediate showdown with the Community in favor of further bargaining.

Mr. Clinton agreed. White House officials, a congressional aide said, asked Mr. Kantor to arrange a statement with Mr. Delors agreeing to review the matter. In Brussels, officials say they promised nothing particularly new.

The dispute revolves around U.S. complaints that new EC rules unfairly discriminate against American companies attempting to crack the European public utilities market for telecommunications gear and power-generating equipment. Brussels defends the EC measures, adopted as part of the 1992 single market program, as a significant market-opening advance over previous national restrictions.

Mr. Kantor's threat to impose sanctions against EC companies seeking U.S. government contracts turned up the heat under an already simmering trade stew. Within days of taking office, the Clinton administration slapped, at least temporarily, stiff tariffs on steel imports from several EC countries, and pointedly complained about European subsidies for the Airbus. And it raised fresh doubts about a deal on farm subsidies agreed upon late last year.

The Clinton administration, sent reeling as one issue after another came up against deadlines before most officials had even been installed in office, has yet to work out a clear U.S. trade policy. But the appearance of zigzagging is somewhat deceptive. The White House's initial goal, analysts said, was little more than to adopt a tough rhetorical line on trade that would win friends in Congress and among important business and labor groups to help ease

the passage of its sweeping domestic economic plan.

"Kantor's actions were aimed at establishing his credibility in town," said Stephen Götz Richter, president of TransAtlantic Futures, a Washington consultant to German banks. "For domestic audiences, he turned himself into Mr. Macho Man on trade, but he didn't necessarily realize how his words would translate in Brussels."

Jeffrey E. Garten, a former White House adviser who now teaches at Columbia Graduate School of Business, echoed that argument. "The more screaming abroad, the better it actually is for Clinton in terms of winning support in Congress for the economic package that is his overriding goal," Mr. Garten said. "The risk is that by catering so heavily to domestic politics now, he could limit his options with Europe and Japan later on."

Although EC officials recognize that Mr. Kantor has been largely playing to a domestic audience, Brussels remains worried that there is still a danger that trade rhetoric might escalate out of control.

"The idea is to try to tread water and limit the dispute to shouting rather than the actual imposition of sanctions," said Stanley Crossick, chairman of the Belmont European Policy Center in Brussels. "That would allow both sides to get their acts together. But it could be a rough ride until Europe and the United States sort out where they want to go together."

In addition to trying to keep bilateral trade disputes under control, officials said, both Washington and Brussels plan to explore their differences in the filtering Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations.

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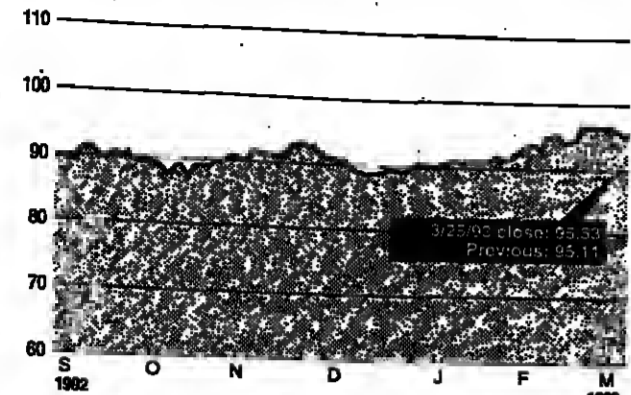
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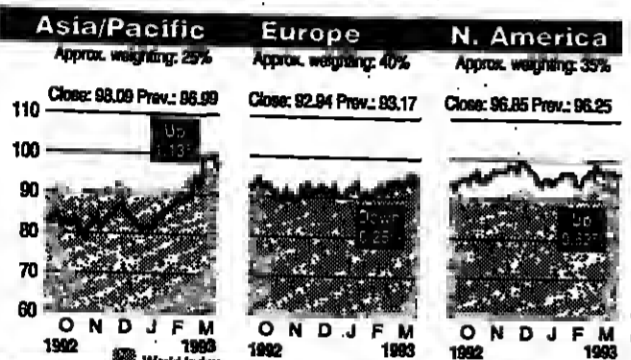


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Siemens Bids for Rail Firm

Eastern Company Is No. 1 in Field

By Brandon Mitchener. FRANKFURT — Siemens AG said Wednesday that its booming rail-technology division had submitted a bid to take over Deutsche Waggonbau AG, the East German company that is the world's largest producer of rolling stock.

While the Economy Burns

Rome's Effectiveness Sapped by Scandals

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches. MILAN — The scandals surrounding Italy's political parties have so weakened the government of Prime Minister Giuliano Amato that many fear it no longer has the strength to act effectively on the economy.

Russia Adopts Emergency Plan To Buoy Yeltsin

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches. MOSCOW — The Russian government hastily adopted an emergency economic program on Thursday for the next few weeks, including a higher minimum wage and suspension of payments on foreign debt for six months.

Finance Chief Quits Barclays

REUTERS. LONDON — Barclays PLC lost its finance director on Thursday, adding to internal turmoil at Britain's largest bank, which has also been a global search for a new chief executive.

WALL STREET WATCH

IBM Investors on Lookout For a 'New-Chief Bounce'

By Kurt Eichenwald. NEW YORK — Buy, sell or hold? That's the question that has haunted investors in International Business Machines Corp. over the last several months as the company went through the arduous task of seeking a chief executive to take the place of John F. Akers.

Falling Pound Lifts Wellcome

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches. LONDON — The drug company Wellcome PLC on Thursday posted 59 percent higher first-half pretax earnings and raised its dividend, but its share price fell 8 percent.

Vauxhall Profit Surges 69%

By Erik Ipsen. LONDON — Vauxhall, the British carmaker's arm of America's General Motors Corp., reported Thursday that it had posted a record profit for the first quarter of 1993.

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MARKET DIARY

Buy Programs Lift Dow After a 3-Day Decline

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — Stock prices ended higher on the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday after a series of index-arbitrage buy programs propped up blue chips.

N.Y. Stocks

Advancing common stocks topped decliners by 9 to 6 on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading was active, with about 252 million shares changing hands on the Big Board, compared with 274 million on Wednesday.

Broad market indexes also gained. Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 2.81 to 450.88, while the Nasdaq Composite Index advanced 6.65 to 681.01.

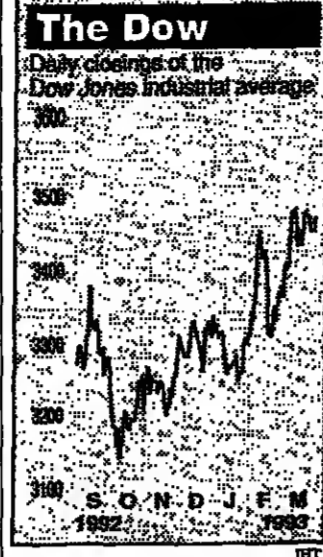
Dollar Ends Higher On a Technical Rally

NEW YORK — The dollar pushed higher against most currencies on Thursday following a mild technical rally.

Foreign Exchange

Analysts noted that most of the dollar selling came from professional speculators, while the buyers were corporations, funds and strategic buyers, suggesting they believe the dollar was poised for a short-term gain.

The Dow



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Asset Finance in Restructuring

TORONTO — Confederation Life plans to reduce its stake in the Asset Finance Group to 22.5 percent from 65 percent, in a restructuring that will result in the creation of one of North America's largest equipment- and asset-financing companies, AFG announced Thursday.

U.S. FUTURES

Via Associated Press March 23

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Comex Cool to Coffee Exchange Bid

CHICAGO (Bloomberg) — The Commodity Exchange in New York is likely to reject a takeover bid from the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange, a Comex governor said Thursday.

Iacocca Had a \$12.7 Million Year

DETROIT (AP) — Chrysler Corp. Chairman Lee A. Iacocca received more than \$12.7 million in compensation from the rebounding automaker in 1992, his final year as head of the company.

Baxter to Face U.S. Criminal Charges

CHICAGO (UPI) — Federal officials on Thursday accused the health-care giant Baxter International of violating the U.S. anti-boycott law.

Towers Financial Files for Protection

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Five units of Towers Financial Corp., a bill-collection company headed by Steven Hoffenberg, have filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy-law protection, Towers said Thursday.

Coke Closes in on Mexican Accord

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Fomento Economico Mexicano SA, the world's largest Coca-Cola franchise, is close to concluding talks that could give Coca-Cola Co. a significant minority stake in it, company officials said Thursday.

NYSE

Market Guide

BMW Expects a Drop in Sales After a Record 1992, This Year Looks Tough

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
MUNICH — BMW expects a decline in car sales in 1993 after record deliveries in 1992, the company said in its annual report, released Thursday.

"BMW expects a decline in business in the first half of the new year," Bayerische Motoren Werke AG said in the report. "BMW is adjusting to a lower level of car deliveries in 1993 after rises during the past several years."

The company said that group sales in the first quarter had fallen 6.4 percent to 7.3 billion Deutsche marks (\$4.5 billion), according to provisional figures, and warned that business was likely to decline in the first half as well.

The company said that business in the first three months of the year was marked by a "considerably poorer" economic environment.

Domestic sales in the first quarter fell 2.3 percent to 3.3 billion DM, while foreign sales dropped 4.8 percent to 4 billion DM. Car production in the first quarter fell 4.9 percent to 150,500 units from the same period of 1992, while motorcycle production fell 0.1 percent to 11,050 units.

Despite market pressures, the company has no intention to move down-market from its luxury lines

into mass car production, said Bernd Fischer, the newly appointed chief executive who will take the reins in May from Eberhard von Kuenheim, the managing board chairman for 23 years.

"We have no desire to manufacture cars for everybody," he said.

Mr. Fischer said he expected BMW to continue boosting its position in the market for higher-priced cars. "That's not strength, and that's what we can do best," he said.

He was a key player in the company's decision to set up its first production site in the United States. "It's our biggest market outside Germany," he said.

And then, our performance in the U.S. will be a vital barometer for our competitive success worldwide.

Only if we can survive in the competitive environment of the U.S. market will we be able to survive future battles for market share in Europe.

"We are very satisfied with the business development of the first half of the 1992-93 year," it said in its interim report.

Group third-party sales in the six months to Dec. 31 climbed to 8.78 billion Deutsche marks (\$5.39 billion), from 8.21 billion DM a year earlier. Bertelsmann said it expected the situation for the rest of the business year to be positive.

"Everything indicates that the good development will continue and that we will be able to make a 15 percent profit on our profit-sharing certificates as usual."

(Bloomberg, AFP, AFX, Reuters)

Hafnia Falls Below Solvency Minimum

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COPENHAGEN — Adding urgency to a planned takeover by its main domestic rival, Hafnia Holding A/S said Thursday that its insurance business had fallen below the legal minimum solvency limit. Its problems compounded the already troubled situation of a number of interlinked European insurers.

Hafnia's savior, Baltica Holding A/S, muddled the outlook for Groupe Victoire, a French insurer that is a major Baltica shareholder. Baltica Forsikring, the insurance subsidiary, said it had sold its 5 percent stake in Victoire at a loss of 579 million kroner (392 million) on Wednesday. Proceeds are to be used to invest in its "turning operations," the company said, refusing to name the buyer.

Victoire was the subject of a tussle between Compagnie de Suez and Union des Assurances de Paris. In 1989, UAP helped finance the Suez purchase of Victoire and gained a 34 percent stake for its aid. UAP then sought to control Victoire's German subsidiary, Colonia Konzern AG, but was unable to agree on terms. Suez controls about 52.2 percent of Victoire, which owns 23 percent of Baltica. Baltica's stock lost 25.7 percent of its value on Thursday, falling to 57 kroner.

Baltica Forsikring also announced, as expected, a 443 million kroner loss for last year, reflecting securities and real estate write-downs and losses related to the hurricane designated Andrew.

On Monday, Baltica offered to buy Hafnia, a deal analysts said was orchestrated by Den Danske Bank. The Danish bank is a major shareholder in Baltica and a lender to both insurers.

On Thursday, Klaus Moe, a Hafnia spokesman, said the company had less than 4 percent of customers' paid-up premiums, breaching a regulatory minimum. He did not say how far below the limit Hafnia was, but he said the situation undermined the need for a quick resolution of Hafnia's status. Hafnia owns 33.5 percent of Baltica Holding, and its equity is suffering as a result of that company's slide.

Mr. Moe said a bid for Hafnia was to be made by Sun Alliance PLC's Codan Forsikring A/S, but nothing has been received. (AFX, Bloomberg, Reuters)

Bols Meets Opposition On Merger

By Barbara Smit
Special to the Herald Tribune
NIEUW-VEENPPE, Netherlands — Strong opposition emerged Thursday to the proposed merger between the Dutch beverage company Erven Lucas Bols NV and the food producer Wessanen NV at the Bols shareholders' meeting.

Vereeniging van Effectenbezitters, an influential lobby of shareholders, advised Bols shareholders against approving the merger, which is intended to create a food and beverage company with combined sales of about 5.5 billion guilders (\$2.9 billion).

"The two companies hardly have anything in common," said Peter Paul de Vries of the shareholders' group. "Worse still, the legal measures to protect the construction will reduce the shareholders' influence to nothing." According to the group, large institutional shareholders have already pledged not to give their consent.

The intended transaction amounts to a friendly takeover of Bols by Wessanen.

The merger document states that the transaction will go ahead if 90 percent of the shares in a proposed stock swap are submitted before the deadline of April 2. However, the shareholders' group calculated that the proportion of surrendered shares would range from only 50 percent to 90 percent.

Robert Schipper, the chairman of Bols, repeated that the merger could help the two companies double sales and triple net profit at the turn of the century.

But analysts and rebellious Bols shareholders remained unconvinced. "Their products are different and their distribution channels are different," said Martien de West, analyst at Pizzaro, Holding & Pizzaro.

Investor's Europe

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Brussels: Stock Index	6,328.45	6,265.57
Frankfurt: DAX	1,867.45	1,869.45
Frankfurt: FAZ	654.98	652.64
Helsinki: HEX	1,801.46	1,804.06
London: Financial Times 30	2,225.49	2,225.99
London: FTSE 100	2,682.88	2,681.60
Madrid: General Index	2,281.10	2,281.50
Milan: MIB	1,703.98	1,706.00
Paris: CAC 40	2,661.38	2,664.57
Stockholm: Adirastorindex	1,184.02	1,183.22
Vieenna: Stock Index	398.56	394.37
Zurich: SBE	729.10	731.50

Very briefly:

- VNU NV, the Dutch publishing concern, said its net profit fell 58.9 percent, to 47.9 million guilders (\$36.2 million), in 1992. Sales edged up to 2.737 billion guilders, from 2.735 billion.
- British Coal will close two of the 21 mines whose future has been under review, place one mine in "development" and put a further six on care and maintenance. Trade and Industry Secretary Michael Heseltine said.
- Ford of Britain white-collar workers staged a 24-hour strike to protest against threatened job losses; the action, involving about 4,000 people, coincided with the launch of the company's Mondeo car range.
- GB SA said net profit fell 3 percent, to 3.25 billion Belgian francs (\$96.8 million) in the year to Jan. 31 from 3.363 billion the previous year. Sales rose 5 percent, to 228 billion francs.
- Holliday Chemical Holdings PLC, a specialty chemicals concern, is coming to the London stock market via a £79.4 million (\$117.5 million) public offer and placement of new shares.
- Tulip Computers NV swung to a net loss last year of 14.6 million guilders, saying the strong guildler and the devaluation of some EC currencies eroded margins. In 1991, Tulip earned 16.3 million guilders. (AFX, Reuters, Bloomberg)

U.K. Firms Skirt Tax on Dividends

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LONDON — A number of British companies announced Thursday that they would bring forward the payment date of their final dividend this year in response to changes in the British budget that cut tax credits on such payments.

Among the companies announcing that they would pay dividends before the law changes on April 6 were Reed International PLC, which will pay a second interim dividend of 7.25 pence per share on April 5; Renters PLC, which will pay 15.9 pence on April 5; and Boots Co., which will pay 8.8 pence on March 31.

Boots said its decision "reflects the directors' overriding objective to maximize the value of the company for the benefit of its shareholders." Under the new plan announced by the chancellor of the Exchequer, Norman Lamont, earlier this month, the tax credit accompanying dividends will be reduced to 20 percent from the current level of 25 percent. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Swissair Halves Dividend, Calling Results at Airline 'Unsatisfactory'

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ZURICH — Swissair said Thursday that it had lifted 1992 group earnings 36 percent, but announced it would halve its dividend after unsatisfactory results at its airline operations.

Analysis said the results, together with Swissair's difficulties in gaining access to European Community transport markets, may step up the pressure on Swissair to cut costs by teaming up with other airlines.

"They must form some kind of alliance with other European airlines as soon as possible to ensure their survival," said a Swiss Bank Corp. analyst, Dominique Bertrand.

Swissair said 1992 group net profit rose to 113 million Swiss francs (\$74.68 million), from 83 million francs in 1991. But profit at the parent airline fell nearly in half, to 20.8 million francs from 47.6 million. The company said it would halve its dividend, to 10 francs.

Swissair said that while the airline recorded an "encouraging" 9.1 percent increase in traffic volume, "revenue from the group's core airline operations remains unsatisfactory."

Group revenue rose 4.7 percent to 6.4 billion francs. Apart from the core airline, the Swissair group also includes the Crossair regional airline and its two charter airlines Belair and CTA, plus various other holdings.

Mr. Bertrand said the dividend cut was a clear sign Swissair wanted to show how dire its situation was.

"It shows Swissair believes the need to keep investors sweet is less important than making its situation clear," he said.

Recession in the airline industry has exposed Swissair's high labor costs to tough international competition, forcing it to cut costs, divest non-core businesses and look for partners.

Swissair, Scandinavia's SAS, Austrian Airlines and KLM of the Netherlands have said they are working on a four-way link, and are expected to announce detailed plans soon. Roland Leutenegger of Bank Julius Baer said Swissair's current difficulties in ensuring access to EC transport markets increased pressure on it to pursue an alliance with other airlines. Switzerland is not an EC member, and has also voted to stay out of the European Economic Area. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Aerospaiale Had Loss Of \$433 Million in '92

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
PARIS — Aerospaiale, the French aerospace company, said Thursday it had a net loss of 2.38 billion francs (\$433 million) in 1992, compared with a profit of 213 million francs a year earlier.

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Fokker Resorts to Layoffs as It Reduces Staff by 17%

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AMSTERDAM — Fokker NV said Thursday it would cut its work force by about 17 percent this year, mostly through compulsory layoffs, because of a continuing slump in sales of airliners.

The Dutch aircraft maker said it would cut 2,118 jobs from its work force of about 12,500, and that 1,789 of those cuts would be made compulsorily through layoffs. Others

are expected to come from attrition, possible placement of staff with other companies and ending most employment of contract workers.

The moves are expected to save 270 million guilders (\$147.3 million) a year, including 200 million guilders in wages and salaries. "We do not expect the aircraft market to recover until sometime in 1995," a Fokker spokesman said. For the same reason, the

company recently decided to cut production of its 100-seat Fokker 100 aircraft to 40 from 59, and to trim Fokker 50 output to 20 from 27.

A cut in output had been seen by industry analysts as inevitable before a takeover of Fokker by Daimler-Benz AG of Germany could be completed. Final approval of that agreement is expected next week. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX)

NYSE

Thursday's Closing
Tables include the nationwide price up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

(Continued)

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29 3/8	28 3/4	Amgen	1.25	4.3	8.0	35	28
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Agenda of the Statutory General

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Hyundai Gets Libya Power Deal

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
SEOUL — Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co., a unit of the Hyundai Group, confirmed Thursday that it had won a \$1.6 billion order from Libya to build electric power plants.

A company spokesman said Hyundai had received a letter of intent from Libya's state-run electric power corporation to build four power generators on a turnkey basis in Sirte, some 415 kilometers (257 miles) east of Tripoli.

Hyundai said the four units would each have a capacity of 215,000 kilowatts. The power plant will burn natural gas and fuel oil.

Hyundai is scheduled to complete the power project and turn the plant over to Libya in four-and-a-half years, the company said.

The company, which said it had won the contract over a rival bid by an Italian concern that it did not name, added that the value of the project amounted to 57 percent of all contracts Korean construction companies obtained abroad in 1992.

It is the second-largest contract in Libya awarded to South Korean construction firms, after Dong-Ah Construction's current work on the \$8 billion Great Man-Made River Project.

(Reuters, AFP)

Foreigners Fuel Bull Market in Tokyo

Bloomberg Business News
TOKYO — International fund managers, long wary of Japanese stocks, are now increasing their holdings amid signs that a recovery from a three-year bear market is under way.

They cite low interest rates, which are expected to induce more investors to shift from fixed-income securities to stocks, and a government committed to buying the market.

Thanks in part to the renewed confidence of foreign investors, Japan's bellwether Nikkei 225 average has risen more than 12 percent over the last three weeks to hit its highest level in six months, including a gain of 1.7 percent on Thursday alone.

As the market continues to rise, bullish fund managers predicted that their more bearish colleagues would be flocking back.

Brokers including Morgan Stanley and Shearson Lehman Brothers have recently recommended that their clients increase the proportion of Japanese stocks in their global investment portfolios.

Most fund managers "don't have any Japan, or they have a little Japan, and they're scared stiff" that they will get left out of a rally, said Christopher Day, investment director at Thornton Asset Management (Asia) Ltd.

If fund managers missed a rally in Tokyo, they would run the risk of seeing their funds grossly underperform because of the huge size of the Japanese market. One widely used set of references for asset allocation is Mor-

gan Stanley's Capital International indexes. In the company's Pacific index, Japan is weighted at about 85 percent based on market capitalization.

Still, with Japan's economy still mired in a slump, some might question the wisdom of pumping money into the stock market at this point. Japan's gross national product grew by a scant 1.5 percent in 1992, the slowest growth rate since the oil shock of 1974.

Japanese companies will post their third consecutive year of earnings declines in the year to March 31, and a number of top-ranking companies—including Nissan Motor Co., Nomura Securities Co. and Japan Air Lines — are projecting losses. Some economists predict profits could fall again next year.

"It's hard to justify buying Japanese stocks on the basis of earnings growth for the next fiscal year," said Elizabeth Tran, managing director of Prudential Asia Fund Management. "Not in absolute terms or relative terms to the other markets in the region."

Nevertheless, she was one of several fund managers who said they had been nudging up their weightings in the Japanese market.

Another fund manager in charge of mutual funds invested in all Asian markets said his company raised its weighting in Japan to 30 percent from 10 percent six weeks ago, using excess cash.

Fund Research, a London-based fund investment information company, noted a small rise in Japan weightings among the Pacific funds its surveys.

The company, which compiles data from about 3,500 unit trusts, investment trusts and offshore funds, said the average weighting in Japanese stocks slid steadily from 26 percent in June 1992 to about 20 percent in December. As of last week, the level had climbed back to 22 percent.

Falling interest rates in Japan are one of the biggest draws. "Japan's stock market is likely to benefit from the same phenomenon we saw in the United States, the flow of funds out of the cash market and bonds," Ms. Tran said.

Morgan Growing Keener on Japan

AFP-Excl News
TOKYO — Morgan Stanley Group Inc. says it has raised the weighting of Japanese equities in its recommended client portfolio to 22.6 percent, from 9.9 percent.

"The message is that we've gone neutral," Morgan said, adding that the previous weighting reflected worries that the Japanese market was vulnerable. Japan accounts for about one-third of world equity capitalization.

Morgan Stanley said that the rise in the Nikkei 225 index was expected to be moderate but it recommended that clients reduce yen bond holdings.

Macao Lifts Profit at Shun Tak

Bloomberg Business News
HONG KONG — Shun Tak Holdings, controlled by the Hong Kong-based casino tycoon Stanley Ho, said Thursday that net profit rose 18.5 percent last year, largely because of growth in investments in the Portuguese enclave of Macao.

Shun Tak, which runs jetfoil operations between Hong Kong and Macao, hotels in Macao, shopping centers and restaurants, said its profit after tax and outside interests was \$11.4 million Hong Kong dollars (\$65.5 million), up from \$31.4 million dollars in 1991.

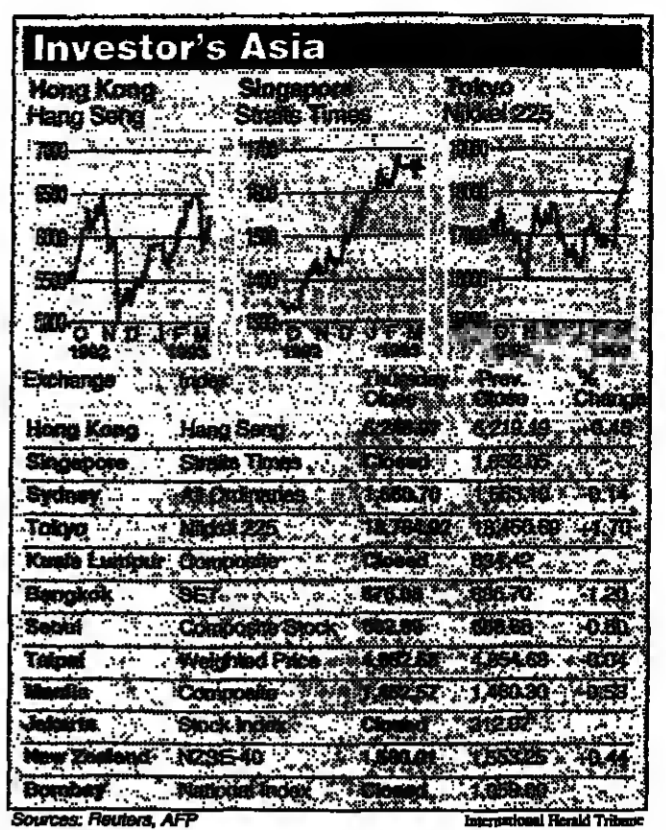
The company reported an extraordinary loss of 187.2 million dollars for its write-off of a controlling interest in Air Hong Kong Ltd., an air cargo carrier.

But Captain Fran Parasha, who was brought in to breathe life into Air Hong Kong in 1992, said that the write-off did not mean the airline was closing.

Mr. Ho said the group had moved closer to its goal of becoming a catalyst and beneficiary of the rapid economic growth in China. Shun Tak extended its property development and investment portfolio from Hong Kong and Macao to Guangdong Province and to the coastal city of Tianjin, he said.

The group plans to invest a minimum of 500 million dollars over the next two years in China and on other capital expenditures.

Jardine Strategic Up
 Jardine Strategic Holdings Ltd. said Thursday that its net profit rose 6 percent last year as interest charges and taxation decreased, and as the company benefited from resurgent economies in the Asia-Pacific region, Bloomberg Business News reported from London. Jardine Strategic earned \$321.2 million, up from \$302.7 million in 1991, while sales rose 2.9 percent.



Very briefly:

- Cathay International Investment (Shanghai) Ltd., a unit of Hong Kong's Cathay Group, said it would sign a major power-station deal in China's Shandong Province next week.
 - Toshiba Steel Tube Co. and Tsumi Kogyo Co., two Japanese steel-tube makers, said they would merge in October. Industry sources said the merged company was expected to post annual sales of about 30 billion yen (\$258 million), with a 13 percent share in the domestic market.
 - Nihon Kyodo Co. said it would make a bid to explore for oil in the Tarim Basin of western China; it would be the first Japanese company to officially announce plans to bid after China said last month it would allow foreign investment in the area.
 - The World Bank president, Lewis Preston, is scheduled to make his first visit in this capacity to China next month.
 - Nippon Steel Corp. said it would resume technological assistance to the South African steelmaker Iscor Ltd. beginning in April, in a three-year program estimated to be worth several hundred million yen.
 - Nippon Denko Co. said it would shut down a ferrochrome plant in the Philippines in March, due to a sluggish global market.
- (Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters)*

Korean Growth Eases to 4.7%

Reuters
SEOUL — The growth rate of South Korea's gross national product dropped in 1992 to a real 4.7 percent, sharply below the 8.4 percent rate posted in 1991, according to provisional figures released Thursday by the Bank of Korea.

The rate was the lowest in 12 years; in 1980, GNP contracted 3.7 percent in real terms. GNP totaled \$294.5 billion last year, compared with \$281.7 billion in 1991. Per-capita GNP was \$6,749, up from \$6,518.

The bank said 1992 GNP growth was helped by a 9.7 percent rise in exports and a 5.4 percent recovery in agricultural, fisheries and livestock output.

But growth in manufacturing production slowed to 4.8 percent last year from 8.9 percent in 1991.

Sega, Bucking a Trend, Will Pay a Spring Bonus

Bloomberg Business News
TOKYO — In a move that bucks the parsimonious trend in place at most Japanese companies, Sega Enterprises, Japan's largest arcade game producer, said Thursday it would give its 3,000 employees an additional spring bonus equivalent to a month-and-a-half of their regular salary.

The spring bonus has become a tradition at Sega. A bonus in addition to the winter and summer bonuses has been paid every year since the company was listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 1988. Summer and winter bonuses are given by most Japanese companies as part of their regular compensation.

Sega's spring bonus this year is larger than past spring bonuses, and comes amid an unprecedented round of layoffs and losses at many other Japanese companies.

Some of Japan's best-known chip companies, including Nomura Securities, Nissan Motor and Japan Air Lines, are expected to report losses this year, and wages at many companies will suffer. Annual wage negotiations are nearing an end and it looks as though the

average wage increase will be just 3.9 percent this year, down from 4.55 percent last year.

The steelmaker NKKK on March 10 became the latest Japanese company to announce a cost-cutting package that includes slashing its payroll. NKKK said it would cut 3,200 jobs by the end of 1993. Nissan, NTT and Kyocera Corp. have announced similar plans.

Against this economic backdrop, Sega reported a rise of 83.4 percent in current profit, to 27.384 billion yen (\$234 million), in the half year

ended Sept. 30. The company said on Jan. 18 that it expected its group net profit to rise 24.73 percent to \$8 billion in the year to March 31. Sales in the year to March 31 are expected to increase by 59 percent and profits by 64 percent.

Sega's success stems in part from losses at other companies. As Japan's economy has slowed, attendance at large, expensive amusement parks has slipped as families have shifted their entertainment budget to less costly and more accessible indoor amusement arcades, analysts say.

Japan Land Prices Fall for 2d Year

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
TOKYO — Japan's real-estate slump accelerated in 1992 as land prices tumbled for the second consecutive year, making this the most prolonged downturn in 22 years, the National Land Agency said Thursday.

The agency said its annual survey found that average commercial land prices had dropped 11.4 percent last year, while residential land prices lost an average of 8.7 percent. In 1991, prices in the two categories fell 4 percent and 5.6 percent, respectively. It was the first time since 1970 that Japanese land prices had fallen in two consecutive years.

The agency said the decline quickened toward the

end of the year, with commercial land prices in Tokyo dropping 9 percent in the fourth quarter.

The average price of residential land in Tokyo dropped 14.7 percent. Commercial land prices declined 19 percent in Tokyo and 24.2 percent in Osaka.

The highest residential land price was in a Tokyo area where the average square meter (1.2 square yards) cost 8.5 million yen (\$73,307). The Ginza shopping area in Tokyo remained the most expensive commercial district, at 34.5 million yen a square meter.

Separately, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said a network of six Foreign Access Zones designed to promote imports and import-related businesses had won approval.

(AFX, Bloomberg)

COMPANY RESULTS

Company	Year	Revenue	Profit	Per Share
Canada	1992	5,800	5,200	1.20
	1991	5,200	4,800	1.10
Britain	1992	2,800	2,200	0.80
	1991	2,500	2,000	0.75
France	1992	1,200	1,000	0.40
	1991	1,100	950	0.38
Germany	1992	1,500	1,300	0.50
	1991	1,400	1,200	0.48
Japan	1992	2,500	2,200	0.90
	1991	2,400	2,100	0.88
Switzerland	1992	1,800	1,600	0.60
	1991	1,700	1,500	0.58
United States	1992	3,500	3,200	1.30
	1991	3,400	3,100	1.28

NASDAQ

Thursday's Prices
 NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

12 Month High	12 Month Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	52	High	Low	Latest	Chg
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150	130	Microsoft	0.00	0.0	15.0	150	130	140	145	+5
80	70	Apple	0.00	0.0	8.0	80	70	75	78	+3
100	90	Oracle	0.00	0.0	10.0	100	90	95	98	+3
120	110	Sun	0.00	0.0	12.0	120	110	115	118	+3
140	130	Lucent	0.00	0.0	14.0	140	130	135	138	+3
160	150	Motorola	0.00	0.0	16.0	160	150	155	158	+3
180	170	Intel	0.00	0.0	18.0	180	170	175	178	+3
200	190	AMD	0.00	0.0	20.0	200	190	195	198	+3
220	210	ATI	0.00	0.0	22.0	220	210	215	218	+3
240	230	3Com	0.00	0.0	24.0	240	230	235	238	+3
260	250	Perceptics	0.00	0.0	26.0	260	250	255	258	+3
280	270	Viewpoint	0.00	0.0	28.0	280	270	275	278	+3
300	290	WorldView	0.00	0.0	30.0	300	290	295	298	+3
320	310	TeleVideo	0.00	0.0	32.0	320	310	315	318	+3
340	330	Image	0.00	0.0	34.0	340	330	335	338	+3
360	350	Image	0.00	0.0	36.0	360	350	355	358	+3
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440	430	Image	0.00	0.0	44.0	440	430	435	438	+3
460	450	Image	0.00	0.0	46.0	460	450	455	458	+3
480	470	Image	0.00	0.0	48.0	480	470	475	478	+3
500	490	Image	0.00	0.0	50.0	500	490	495	498	+3

SPORTS BASEBALL

Who Is Spring Training Really For? (Hint: They're Pasty and Paunchy)

By Frank Ahrens

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida — "Hey, Hondo!" The fan leaning over the back fence is shouting to New York Yankees coach Frank Howard.

Howard, the former Washington Senators slugging outfielder, has just finished hitting infield grounders to an arc of young Yankee hopefuls. Seemingly startled by one of his old nicknames, Howard looks up.

Yesssss!

The fan has achieved the critical first step: He's established eye contact with his target. Now he must reel in the hulking hitting instructor with nonstop coaxing, exhibiting both the patience and enthusiasm of a sport fisherman who's hooked a prize marlin.

"Hondo! Over here!" Howard squints, sees the fan's mid-60s Nats hat and appears to start flipping through his mental Rolodex. — "Do I know this kid? Was he some squirt at a Father-Son Game?"

"Jim, you dirty dog!" Howard yells to the fan, and begins lumbering over, his upper body rolling faster than his legs will allow. From the reaction of the fan's

friend, this guy is neither Jim nor a dirty dog. But so what? Victory at any price — Hondo is headed this way! Get the camera ready!

Howard strides toward the fan. He knows the drill.

"I'm the Capital Punisher!" Unsolicited, Howard grows his other popular nickname. He knows the fan wants to hear it. He thrusts the fan a huge hand on the end of a bronzed forearm the size of a teenager's thigh.

"You were my first baseball hero," the fan says. "Could I take a picture with you?"

Howard throws an arm around the fan and pulls him close, burying the shirtless, vamping fan's shoulder in Howard's left armpit.

"Over here, Frank," the fan's friend directs.

Like an aging celebrity trotted into an unfamiliar room, Howard is pointed toward the camera. Once oriented, the happy-to-be-here smile breaks across the tanned, handsome face for several shots. The motor drive whirs, then stops. The two disengage. Howard walks toward the clubhouse, and the fan exchanges a

high five with his buddy. The Yankees and Braves prepare to play.

It's biker time in Florida, which means this: Wind-blasted, brick-red, tattooed beer bellies straining over black leather vests, hovering menacingly over the showhead gas tank of one Harley-Davidson after another, rumbling magnificently south on Interstate 95.

There are plenty of men bikers too. Where are they heading?

Maybe to Daytona Beach, to parade their muscular machines up and down the oceanfront Highway A1A in a proud display of hirsute horsepower and individual expression.

Or maybe here, to park their American-made bogs in the parking lot of the yurt-shaped West Palm Beach Auditorium, walk across the parking lot to Municipal Stadium, buy a \$5 bleacher ticket and cheer on Jim Abbott, the Yankees' one-handed pitcher, as he fights to stay alive in the batter's box. Missing his right hand since birth, Abbott plays in the American League, which uses a designated hitter to bat for the pitcher.

But the Yankees are playing the Montreal Expos, who play in the National League, where the pitcher must hit. And, as it's the Expos' park, Abbott must hit. He's no automatic out; last spring, he hit a triple. This day, he struggles valiantly, bolding the bat with his left hand at the bottom and steadying it with his right arm, which ends at the wrist. He slices off two good fouls before going down swinging. The crowd claps and cheers heartily anyway.

Spring training is supposed to be for veteran players to prepare their skills for the upcoming season and for rookies to try to make the team.

This is not true.

Spring training is for the hard-core fans.

Even if you come to a major league ballpark two hours before a regular-season game, you'll never get this close. The security guards, the fences, the entire invisible fourth wall between you and the players makes them unreachable.

Not so here.

There's Montreal's Dennis Martinez! And Hall of Fame base stealer Lou

Brock! Here's Atlanta ace John Smoltz, trying to make his way under the stands after the game, surrounded by a bobbing clutch of waist-high autograph seekers: "Pleaseeeeee, Mr. Smoltz!" Here's a left-fielder, handing a foul ball over the fence to an awe-struck towhead.

In West Palm Beach, life is extraordinarily pleasant. There's no other word for it. The natives are clearly demoralized. Tanned, erect, loose-gaited, unashamed-of-their-bodies year-rounders contrast with the pasty, paunchy, self-conscious Easterners, who walk about still in something of a hunch, not quite unfolded into the warm Florida sun. Perhaps they are locked into the stoop caused by gathering their overcoats in a fist against their chests, shielding themselves against so many gray days of 40-degree rain.

Ab, yes, the ballgame. The Yankees beat the Expos, 2-0, in a stiffly dull contest. But that's the O.K. The real excitement was in the between-inning contests. Folks were packed from the sun-soaked crowd of about 4,000 to 1) playing musical chairs near the third-base coach's box, 2)

throw a baseball through a hole in a board from about 20 paces to win a Caribbean cruise, and 3) sling a bowling ball down a rolled-out, 30-foot canvas lane and try to knock down 10 pins in a sort of cross between bowling and bocce.

The game had all the pleasure of a celebrity sighting and none of the pressure of a pennant race. After Expos starting pitcher Chris Nabholz threw three no-hit innings, he ran his laps on the outfield warning track while the game was still being played.

Behind the bleachers, reddened 15-year-old boys, slathered with a reeking mixture of tanning oil and cologne, tried to blow out their rotator cuffs awkwardly heaving plastic baseball facemasks at a radar gun target, hoping to impress passing girls with clockings in the 50 mph range.

This is the fans' spring training.

Later, the sun starts to cast long, late-evening shadows. Most of the stars have left their customary three innings and played. The dugouts are nearly empty. But down along the left-field fence,

just short of the bullpen. Spring Training is happening.

An Expos bullpen catcher is leaning back on the chain-link fence, mask pushed back on top of his head, talking to an ancient Expos fan, who's propped up on the fence. The fan wears the team's old hat, the one with the separate red, white and blue panels that make it look like a freshman beanie.

The catcher's manner says he owns the place: He casually waves around a bronzed, rippling forearm, explaining parts of the ballpark to the rapt, nodding fan.

The catcher's uniform number says the truth: He is No. 74, which means he likely is "meat," a catcher brought here solely to warm up hot young pitching prospects in the bullpen. When spring training ends, he'll head back to the minor leagues, with its all-day bus rides and \$500-per-week anonymity. Probability insists that he'll never make The Show.

But today, it doesn't matter. The fan is talking to a real player who, for the moment, is with his favorite big league team. And the player, for today, has a fan.

Valenzuela's Comeback Bid With Orioles Gains Momentum

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fernando Valenzuela appeared finished a short time ago. It doesn't look that way anymore.

The left-hander extended his scoreless innings streak to 12, facing the minimum six Cincinnati batters in two innings in the Baltimore Orioles' 4-2 victory Wednesday at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Valenzuela, trying to be the Orioles' fifth starter, has allowed five hits, four walks and no runs in four appearances this spring. He is scheduled to pitch again Saturday.

Valenzuela, 32, signed by the Orioles to a minor-league contract

in February, last pitched in the majors in 1991 with the California Angels.

"I think this is great for me," he said. "I never had a good spring training; I've always been hit pretty good. But I'm surprised that I'm doing pretty good."

Valenzuela is battling Mark Williamson and Anthony Telford for the job as the Orioles' fifth starter. That would mean he would also be expected to be used in relief, a prospect that does not alarm him.

"I just want to help the team win. I don't care what I do," Valenzuela

said. "I just want to pitch in the major leagues again."

For Bert Blyleven, things aren't going quite as well.

Blyleven, trying to make a comeback with the Minnesota Twins, had his third straight rough outing on Wednesday.

The 41-year-old right-hander allowed seven hits and five runs in 5 1/2 innings against the Chicago White Sox at Ft. Myers, Florida. Blyleven, who has a 6.27 ERA in

spring training, walked three and struck out six.

The Sox beat the Twins, 5-1, as Alex Fernandez, a key to Chicago's pennant hopes, pitched two-hit ball for six innings and extended his scoreless streak to 1 1/2 innings before allowing a run in the sixth.

In other spring training news on Wednesday:

- Zane Smith threw off a mound for the first time this spring, pitching 12 minutes of batting practice in Bradenton. The Pirates aren't certain when Smith will be ready to pitch under game conditions, but it's not likely he will be ready to

pitch in the majors until late April or early May.

The Philadelphia Phillies reassessed pitcher Ken Howell, who was in spring training as a non-roster minor league player. He was the club's best pitcher in 1989 with a 12-12 record. Since then, he's been plagued by shoulder trouble and has appeared in only 24 games. His last professional game was with Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Red Barons in 1991.

• John Marzano, a backup catcher who hit .080 last season, was placed on waivers by the Boston Red Sox.



Fernando Valenzuela, the former major league star who is attempting a comeback with the Baltimore Orioles, watching one of the pitches that helped him return six consecutive Reds in a spring game.

SCOREBOARD

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division: New York, Boston, Orlando, Miami, Philadelphia, Washington.

CENTRAL DIVISION
Chicago, Cleveland, Charlotte, Atlanta, Indiana, Detroit, Milwaukee.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division: Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Denver, Minnesota, Dallas.

PACIFIC DIVISION
Phoenix, Seattle, Portland, L.A. Lakers, L.A. Clippers, Golden State, Sacramento.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Chicago 97, Philadelphia 85; Atlanta 105, Detroit 92; Houston 101, Dallas 90; Phoenix 98, Portland 91; Denver 94, Minnesota 81; Dallas 91, Dallas 89.

HOCKEY

NHL Standings

WALE CONFERENCE
Patrick Division: Pittsburgh, Washington, New Jersey, N.Y. Rangers, N.Y. Islanders, Philadelphia.

ADAMS DIVISION
Montreal, Boston, Buffalo, Hartford, Ottawa.

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE
Norris Division: Detroit, Chicago, Toronto, St. Louis, Minnesota, Tampa Bay.

SMITH DIVISION
Vancouver, Colorado, Los Angeles, Winnipeg, Edmonton, San Jose, Vancouver.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Rangers 2; Chicago 3, Toronto 2; St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 2; Toronto 3, Vancouver 2; Vancouver 2, Vancouver 2.

WORLD CUP

FINAL STANDINGS
Men's Dewhurst: 1. Franz Heizer, Switzerland, 52 points; 2. Alan Swales, Norway, 47; 3. Wilhelm Basse, Switzerland, 34; 4. Armin Altmann, Austria, 26; 5. Denis Mahler, Switzerland, 24; 6. Marc Girardelli, Luxembourg, 21; 7. Patrick Durrer, Austria, 20; 8. Herma Triebel, Austria, 20; 9. Werner Fretschner, Italy, 20; 10. Peter Ranzhak, Austria, 20.

WOMEN'S DEWBURST
1. Katja Seehausen, Germany, 48 points; 2. Rainald Heigl, Germany, 38; 3. Karin Law-Gartner, Canada, 24; 4. Anja Haas, Austria, 21; 5. Kofie Pince, Canada, 20; 6. Mirjam Vogt, Germany, 20; 7. Carole Marie, France, 20; 8. Regine Cavagnat, France, 20; 9. Christa Burdette, Switzerland, 20; 10. Heidi Zurbruggen, Switzerland, 20.

BASEBALL

BASEBALL
BOSTON—Pul Joe Muzzone, catcher, on waivers for purpose of giving him his unconditional release.
NEW YORK—Outfielder Dave Silversmith, shortstop, to Columbus, IL. Pul Jack Lazzetta, pitcher, on waivers for purpose of giving him his unconditional release.
PHILADELPHIA—Pul Ken Howell, pitcher, on waivers for purpose of giving him his unconditional release.

BASKETBALL
CHICAGO—Activated Bill Cartwright, center, from Injured list. Pul Corey Williams, guard, on Injured list.

DENNIS THE MENACE



PEANUTS



BLONDIE



WIZARD of ID



CALVIN AND HOBBES



BEETLE BAILEY



THE MORGAN



JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
Unscramble these four Anagrams. Use letters in order to form four ordinary words.

UPASE _____
VEELA _____
INNACE _____
DELGEP _____

Answer Here: _____

DOONESBURY

BEETLE BAILEY

THIS MORNING THE SCRAMBLED EGGS ARE RUBBERY... TRY THE FRIED EGGS... BACON IS BREADED... GO FOR THE SALAD... GOOD HOME FRIED POTATOES... PANCAKES AREN'T DONE... COFFEE BITTER... NICE CANTALOUPE...

WIZARD of ID

SOME DAY WE WILL BE ABLE TO SEND MESSAGES THROUGH THE AIR INSTANTANEOUSLY!

WIZARD GET UP HERE RIGHT NOW!

WHATTA YA CALL THAT?

THE MORGAN

WHO'S SOPHIA, PETER... AND WHAT'S SHE DOING TO YOUR FATHER?

I CAN'T TELL YOU, MISS GALE! PLEASE, FORGET IT!

DON'T WORRY, MRS. TAYLOR... WE CAN ADD THIS TO LAST MONTH'S BILL!

THANK YOU SPIRO... WE'RE A LITTLE SHORT THIS WEEK.

PEANUTS

ONE FINGER WILL MEAN YOUR FAST BALL WHICH ISN'T VERY FAST ANYWAY...

TWO FINGERS WILL BE YOUR CURVE WHICH DOESN'T CURVE AT ALL...

THREE FINGERS WILL BE YOUR CHANGE-UP WHICH HASN'T FOOLED ANYONE YET...

FOUR FINGERS WAS FOR A PITCH-OUT, BUT WE WONT USE THAT ONE...

WHY NOT?

EVERYTHING YOU THROW LOOKS LIKE A PITCH-OUT!

BLONDIE

HONEY, TASTE ONE OF THESE MEATBALLS. I'M MAKING FOR THE SMEDLEY PARTY.

I'M NOT QUITE SURE... LET ME TRY ANOTHER ONE.

I'M STILL NOT SURE... LET ME TRY ANOTHER ONE.

GO BACK TO YOUR PEPPER POT, BLONDIE.

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OBSERVER

Some Like 'em Cold

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — "Unforgiven," for which Clint Eastwood is apparently destined to be honored in the Academy Awards excesses next week, is the coldest movie I've seen since "Eskimo."

The supreme artist of the cold movie is Ingmar Bergman. He even titled one of his movies "Winter Light." Imagine Bergman pitching that one in Hollywood.

What would any normal movie hankerer immediately see? Liv Ullmann not steaming, Liv Ullmann not scantily clad, Liv Ullmann's cleavage not oozing beads of perspiration down by the alligator-infested swamp, but — Ingmar, when are you going to grow up? Liv Ullmann in deep ice, Liv Ullmann in chilblains.

Liv Ullmann, incidentally, though a regular Bergman star, was not in "Winter Light," but the curse of the cold-weather movie master seemed to follow her. When her chance came to make a hot-weather flick set in France with Charles Bronson, it was titled "Cold Sweat."

Hollywood did not make "Winter Light." It made "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." Both, like Clint Eastwood's two cold westerns, spent a lot of footage fretting about death in vaguely philosophical ways that don't work in movies.

Comedy is probably the only form in which movies can effectively muse philosophically, especially about subjects as vulnerable to easy sentimentality as death.

Bergman is best not when he is whining about the death of God, but when he sets Death loose on the countryside telling people their time is up. Confronting a customer who says he still has too many tasks unfinished to the just now, Death says, "That's what they all say."

Death comes close to being Hollywood's favorite subject, of course. As you might expect of an industry whose favorite weather condition is heat, it has never had to rely on cold movies to deal with this beloved old theme.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, for instance, dispenses death on the grand scale, but always in a climate so warm that he can perform his lethal duty practically, and sometimes totally, naked. Come to think of it, it might be a refreshing spectacle to see Schwarzenegger peeled down to his peeps on Clint Eastwood's arctic prairie, just to see if his goose pimples match the size of his biceps.

New York Times Service

Filming East Germany: Children's Story

By Ann Brocklehurst

BERLIN — The filmmaker Winfried Junge began chronicling the lives of the children of the East German village of Golzow in August 1961, just days after the building of the Berlin Wall. Since then he has followed them with his camera to their first day at school, to their weddings and workplaces, and to West Germany when the Berlin Wall was breached. The story of the children and their lives has turned out to be the story of East Germany.

Junge's latest film, "Drehbuch: Die Zeiten" ("Screenplay: The Times") which premiered at the recent Berlin film festival, is the first since the collapse of communism. It is also the most depressing of the 10-film series as far as the spirits of its subjects are concerned.

Of the 26 five-year-old children who featured in Junge's 1961 film, he is still keeping track of half of them. And the evolution of the Golzowers from vivacious children into ordinary working adults into joyless citizens of a newly united Germany is often painful to watch.

The political changes of the last few years have not gone over well in Golzow. And although Junge says his subjects were initially happy about being able to travel freely and speak their minds, none of that has proved compensation for the loss of security in their lives. "They are nervous, disoriented, frustrated," said Junge. "It's true that there are other pictures of East Germans today. But this picture is also an accurate one and this is the story I have to tell of Golzow."

In perhaps the movie's most compelling scene, the normally unforthcoming housepainter Jürgen is shown in his garden where he has always grown tomatoes to earn cash on the side. He half screams and half weeps in frustration that the tomatoes are now worth nothing since cheaper produce from the Netherlands is flooding the market.

This is not the way life was supposed to be for the Golzow children. The film series was intended to be an optimistic one about the advantages of growing up in a socialist country. The village of Golzow, near Germany's Polish border, was chosen because it was an area destroyed by the war in which the benefits of socialist postwar rebuilding were clearly visible.

"As I began, I was young. The GDR was young. We were building another Germany, a socialist Germany. The idea was something that most of us accepted and I did too," said Junge who made his directorial debut with the first Golzow film at age 26.

But during the years of filming, the constraints of working and living under communism became even clearer. For the 20th anniversary of the German Democratic Republic in 1969, Junge was expected to come up with a story about loyal young party workers. Although the Golzow teenagers didn't fit the image, Junge did his creative best. "Today that film is ridiculous. But if we hadn't done it, the chronicle would have ended there."

Junge was aware that he was working in a climate of censorship and that there were limits to what he and his subjects could say. "What we made public was always on the borderline," he said. "Other material was filmed for the archives." The director promised participants that controversial film would not be used immediately but perhaps in 10 or 15 years if society opened up. The latest movie shows some of that film footage and just how tame a lot of it really is serves to underline how easy it was to dispense the censorship officials of the GDR.

None of the Golzow children grew up to be dissidents and two of the two that were politically active, it was as good



Winfried Junge with the class of five-year-olds in East Germany that he began tracking in 1961, and with his wife Barbara in their studio today.

socialists. Gudrun, 37, once the mayor of a small village, found herself no longer wanted or needed after what the Germans call the *Wende* or turning point. When asked how she is received in town these days she is disarmingly frank. She believes that she accomplished certain things and says most villagers are not hostile to her although there are a few who cut her dead for her cooperation with the Communist state.

For Junge, who as a result of the changes in Germany, lost his job as a documentalist at the state's film production center, "Drehbuch: Die Zeiten" is also an attempt to reconcile present and past. The 4-1/2 hour film is billed not only as the story of the children from Golzow but also the tale of DEFA, the East German film studios where Junge spent his career. He and his wife Barbara, the editor of the latest film and archivist on the project since 1978, still work out of the old DEFA offices but they are now almost the only people in a deserted building. The Junges, who are preparing their next movie on a rented editing machine, are now employed by an independent film production company in West Berlin. And the funding for "Drehbuch" and their next project comes from federal and local government grants.

Because some of the earlier Golzow films had been shown on television in West Germany, Switzerland, Austria and France to critical acclaim, it was relatively easy to find sponsors eager to know what has become of the Golzowers since the collapse of communism.

Critics were, however, not convinced that the latest installment's juxtaposition of the filmmaker's and DEFA's story with those of the children was a successful innovation. The length of the film also makes it a difficult prospect for both cinemas and television, but Junge's next Golzow project appears to have better commercial prospects. The



filmmaker is putting together separate portraits of the Golzowers, each about 90 minutes in length and making extensive use of archival film. The Junges have almost completed the first film about Jürgen, the failed gardener, and further grants depend on its success.

While the original goal of the Golzow project was to film the children until the year 2000, one year after what was to have been the 50th birthday of the socialist GDR, Junge says he always worked from one film to the next trying not to think too far ahead. By coincidence, 2000 is also the year in which the director turns 65 and reaches retirement age. His subjects, however, will be only 45, which leaves the question of their futures — both offscreen and on — up in the air.

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PEOPLE

Kim Basinger's No-Shoe Costs Her \$8.9 Million

Actress Kim Basinger must pay \$8.9 million for refusing to act in the movie "Boyz n the City." A Los Angeles court has ruled. Basinger had argued that she was not legally bound to star in the movie, but the producers say she had made an oral promise to do so. The verdict was a relief to Carl Mazzone, president of Main Line Pictures, who mortgaged his house to raise money for the film, which finally starred Sherry Fenn. "Today I was vindicated," he said.

The Duchess of York, the estranged wife of Britain's Prince Andrew, has apologized to the British public. Last year pictures of her cavorting topless with an American friend in France were splashed across newspapers. The duchess told the Sun newspaper in an interview published Thursday: "We all make mistakes and we learn from them. And that's it. That's what it's all about. I've messed up my life. She added: "I'm sorry."

Remember Michael Fagan, the guy who broke into Queen Elizabeth's bedroom at Buckingham Palace in 1982 for a chat? At the time, reports said the queen spoke with him for 10 to 30 minutes before she was able to summon help. But now Fagan reveals it wasn't a friendly chat after all. She spoke just two words, he says: "Get out. That was it. I was dumbstruck, to be honest. I was thinking what to say."

John Gribsham, the Mississippi novelist, says he has sent an autographed copy of his latest organized crime novel, "The Client," to mob boss John Gotti, who is serving a life sentence in federal prison. Gribsham said Gotti is a big fan and that the two correspond.

Eleven years after her death, Princess Grace of Monaco is being honored with commemorative postage stamps by the United States and Monaco. The U.S. stamp identifies her as Grace Kelly; the Monaco stamp as Princess Grace.

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CROSSWORD

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BOOKS

OK! The Story of Oklahoma By Max Wilk. 296 pages. \$24.95. Grove. Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley. THE first collaborative effort by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein 2d, a musical drama called "Oklahoma!," opened at the St. James Theatre in New York 30 years ago this month. The show moved so quickly into a secure and central place in American popular mythology, and has occupied that place for so many years, that we have long since forgotten how daring and revolutionary it was. Max Wilk's account of its origins is therefore a useful corrective, if not an especially good book. Until "Oklahoma!" came along American musical theater had been for the most part musical comedy, its shows being mere collections of tunes and dances strung together by thin plots devoid of characterization or, in many instances, sense. Though "Pal Joey," the last major show that Rodgers wrote with his first (and best) collaborator, Lorenz Hart, had a coherent plot and a Broadway show, was history. But it was history of a considerably more complex sort than is often to be found on the commercial stage. From the start, as Wilk explains in considerable detail, the project encountered little except skepticism and opposition; it hung at the brink of insolvency at virtually every step toward opening night. Hardly anybody wanted to invest in the show. Night after night the authors played their songs for pro-

spective angels, and night after night the angels said no. They had ample time to contemplate their mistake; by the time the show closed in May 1948, it had earned \$2.5 million for every \$1,000 invested. When the show played in New Haven and Boston it was called "Away We Go!," which is what many wished it would do. It was long and disjointed; many theatergoers were puzzled by the dances that had been choreographed by the relatively unknown Agnes de Mille. Not until it reached New York did it become "Oklahoma!" and not until then was the title song rearranged from unison to harmony, in the process creating "a screenwriter's dream, a climactic moment that would have thrilled any audience." On opening night, March 31, it was snowing. Combine bad weather with public indifference, and the Theater Guild had to paper the house with footloose servicemen to fill the seats at the St. James. But the audience went wild, and the American theater was changed forever. Whether for the better remains, even now, debatable. However wonderful "Oklahoma!" itself may be, it ushered in an era of rank sentimentality and it set Rodgers and Hammerstein on a downward path that hit bottom with the treachery "Sound of Music"; taking the comedy out of musical comedy was not, on the whole, a very good thing. But the virtues of "Oklahoma!" are enduring and undeniable, and Wilk pays them due respects. He tells a story that is still, a half-century after it took place, an important part of American theatrical legend. Jonathan Yardley is on the staff of The Washington Post.

BRIDGE

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